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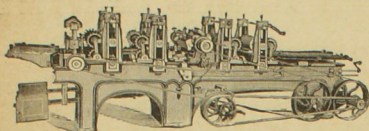
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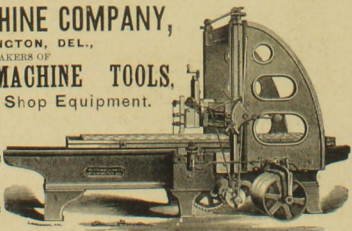
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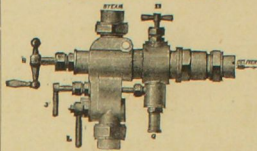
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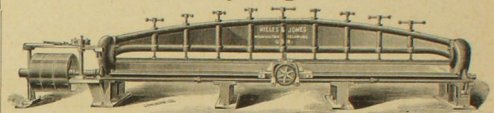
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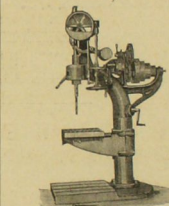
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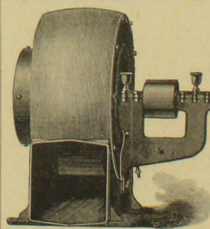
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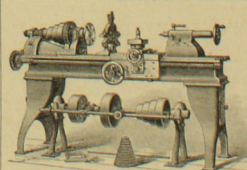
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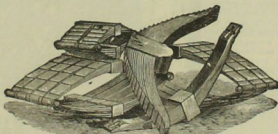
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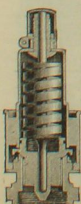
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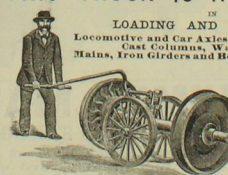
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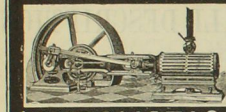
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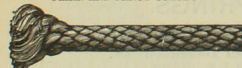
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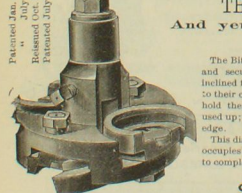
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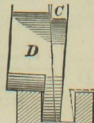
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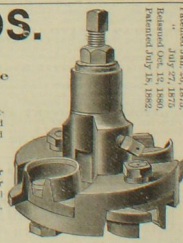
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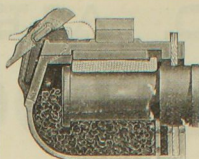
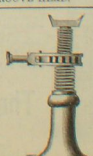
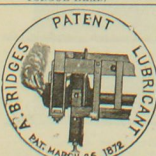
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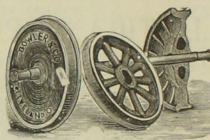
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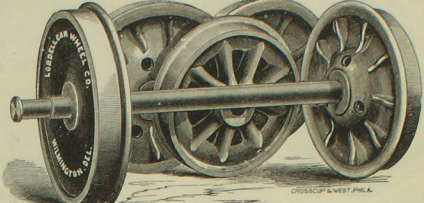


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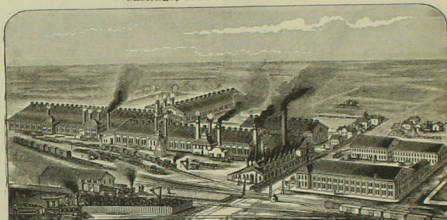
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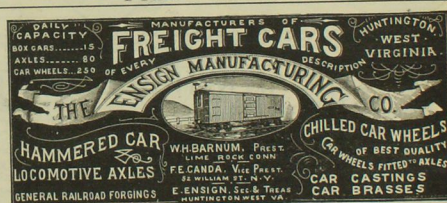


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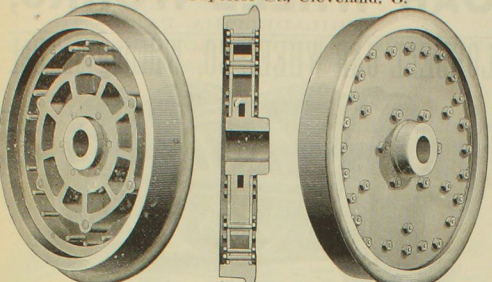


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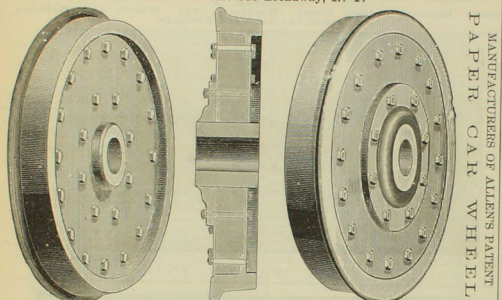
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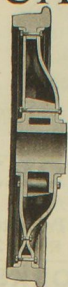
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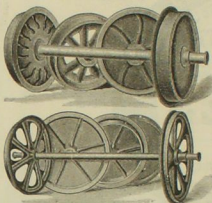
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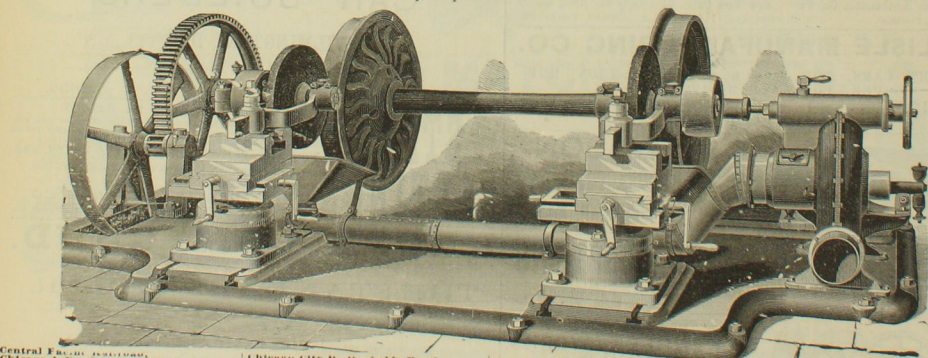
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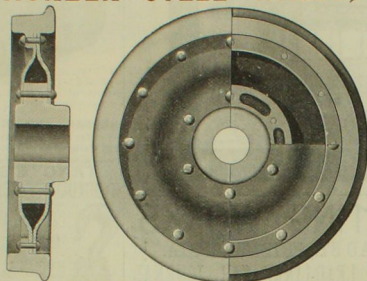
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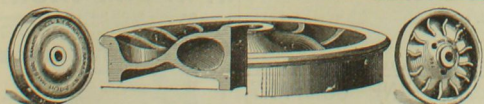
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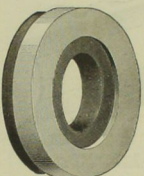
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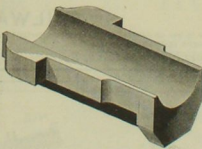
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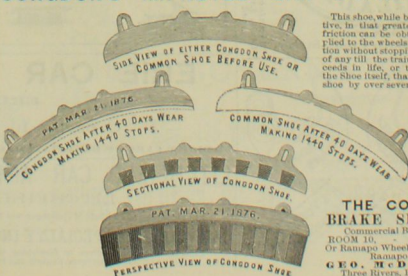
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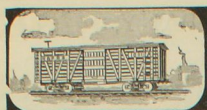


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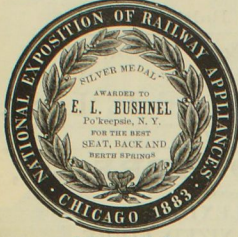
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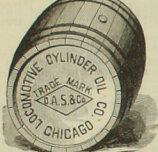


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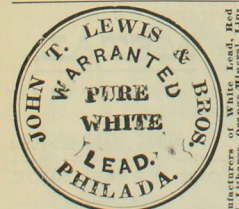
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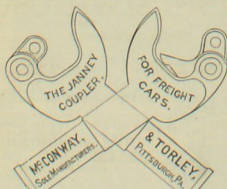
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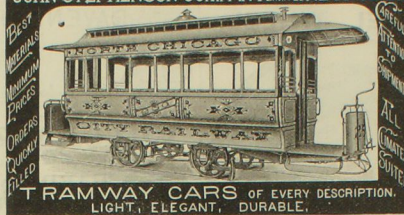
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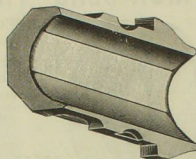
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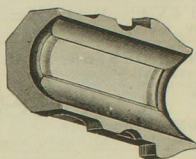
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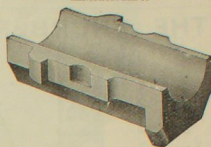
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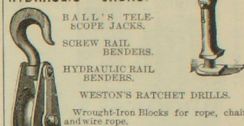
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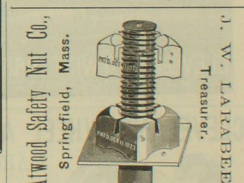
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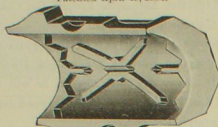
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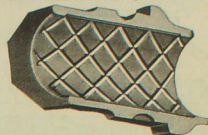
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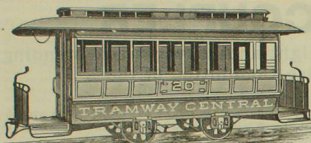
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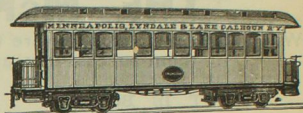
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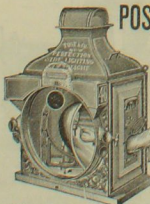
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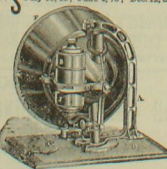
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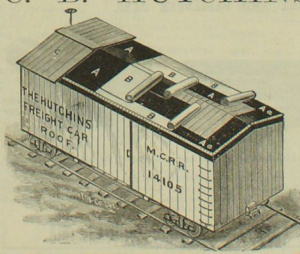
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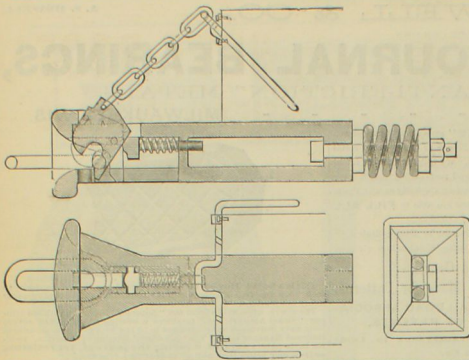
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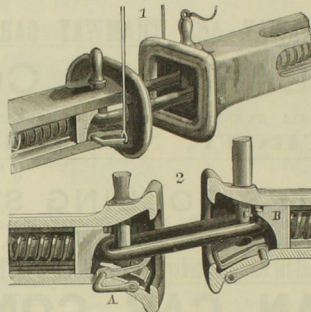
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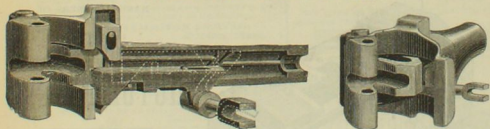
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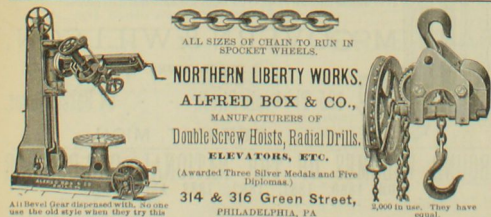
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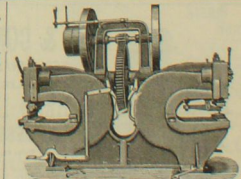
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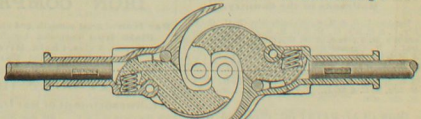
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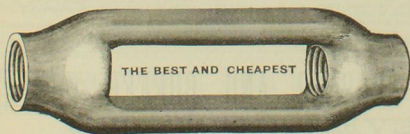
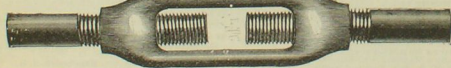
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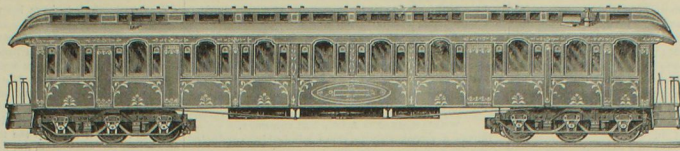
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THERE are nine lumber-drying kilns at the Pullman Car Works, each having a capacity of 30,000 feet. Green wood will dry in them in five days so it can be used in car building.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, have introduced examinations for color blindness among their employees.

DURING the month of September, no boiler explosions were reported as having happened to any boiler connected with railroads; but sawmills and threshing machines kept up their evil reputation for having the bursting kind of boilers.

The sleeping car La Sonnambula, belonging to the Mann Boudoir Car Company, is in the Pullman car shops undergoing a general repair. The car has been in service only two years, but during that time was subjected to very hard service.

AS to the relative merits of hard and soft steel rails, the latest testimony in Germany leaves the matter of wear indeterminate, with the conclusion that the wear of the rails depends more upon the impurity of the steel than upon its hardness or softness.

INDIAN State railway engineers have devised steel sleepers hollowed like a dish, and strong enough for any call that may be made upon them, and yet as light as the old wooden sleepers. They are each 120 pounds weight, and are practically indestructible.

ONE of the English railway companies has supplied all of its employees with red neckcloths, the wearing of which is to be compulsory. The object of this regulation is to furnish porters, guards and switchmen with red flags that are always in readiness for use in emergencies.

It is said that \$3,500,000 have been pledged for building the Highland Junction Railroad, including the Storm King bridge across the Hudson, and that an effort is on foot to induce the Baltimore & Ohio and its southwestern connections to raise the \$2,500,000 which is yet needed to secure the success of the undertaking.

EX-CONGRESSMAN W. D. Washburn has been traveling in Europe for some time, and has returned very much disgusted with some old country institutions. In the course of an interview he held that the third-class cars are so bad in Europe that a hod-carrier in this country would not travel in them. They are mere boxes put together a little better than cattle cars.

THE 40,000 pounds box car is getting to be exceedingly popular on many Western roads, and the demand for cars of that capacity is becoming so urgent that some roads do not wait to build new cars or rebuild and strengthen old ones in order to meet this demand. A much quicker and cheaper plan is followed. When a box car goes into repair shops it may be marked for a capacity of 25,000 or 30,000 pounds, but when it comes out it is invariably marked to carry 40,000. The man with the paint brush is hurrying on Germany's capacity of cars much more rapidly than the car-builders are. It is a cheap way of making the change, and pleases freight agents first-rate, but the plan is not always very economical in its final results. A goodly percentage of cars subjected to this magic increase of capacity find their way into the ditch—they appear to seek that means of getting a rest—and the call for running repairs is incessant. One of the men doing a car repairer the other day as to what part of the car suffered most from the great increase of loads, he insisted, like a true Irishman as he was, that all parts suffered worst alike. The body of the car, the draft apparatus and the trucks all appear to suffer badly and need heavy repairs. A ramble round any repair yard in the West will soon convince an observant railroad man that the additional money earned by increasing the load of freight cars, especially those poorly constructed, is not all clear gain.

## Shop Notes.

### PULLMAN PALACE CAR CO.

A superficial look round the numerous shops which constitute the bread-winning portion of the city of Pullman, would lead to the impression that the works were very busy, for the number of workmen to be seen hard at work are very numerous; but on close inspection of the shops, we find benches with none of the traces of daily labor upon them, machines idle and building tracks unoccupied. To be sure, these traces of dull times are not very numerous, but they are sufficient to indicate that business is not rushing, or that it continues to be considerably within the capacity of these immense works. These works are very well arranged for the handling of material and the finishing of the various constructive operations at low cost, but they are not ahead of several smaller car shops that receive little public attention. Intelligent system of production, cleanliness and order appear to rule supreme within the establishment. Machinery is used for every purpose of wood-working to which it has ever been successfully applied, and no manual labor is expended in handling anything where power can be used. The system of cleaning up sawdust, chips and shavings by hoods attached to pipes connected with an exhaust blower, is very successfully carried on in all the shops where wood-working machines are running. The principal planing mill is the cleanest shop of the kind we have ever seen, all the dirt being carried away unseen as it is formed.

It did not appear to us that the shops for the working of iron were so perfect in their equipment as the wood-working shops, but it is undeniable that car shops are away behind those devoted to the building of locomotives, in the perfection of iron-working machinery, and the methods of finishing metal work. This struck us very forcibly while watching four men putting together the pieces of iron trucks of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad's standard freight car pattern. This was in the blacksmith shop, which is very well provided with forges and special tools, every forging of established size being worked into shape by labor-saving appliances. There are specially good facilities for bolt-making in these works. The machinery for transforming bar iron into finished bolts and nuts is all grouped together with admirable facilities for transferring the material. Six bolt-making machines are kept at work, and each machine has a furnace beside it where the bars are heated. The product of the bolt and nut machines keep twenty thread-cutting and five nut-tapping machines busy. These are placed in close proximity to the bolt-making machines, and handling is reduced to a minimum.

The company have just completed the work of an order for 2 passenger and 7 baggage cars for the New York, West Shore & Buffalo Railway. The passenger coaches are made to seat 64 persons, the length of car being 57 feet 6 inches, and the width 9 feet 8 inches over sills. The height from top of sill to under plate is 6 feet 6 inches. The Pullman standard and wide deck roof is used, with oak ceiling. The inside finish is mahogany. The seats are of the Mason patent, covered with maroon plush. Trucks of the Pullman standard, with 42-inch Allen paper wheels, are used under these cars.

They are building 30 cars for the Staten Island Rapid Transit Co. These cars resemble in many respects those on the elevated railroads of New York. The cars are made to seat 48 passengers, the seats being arranged with two double seats put crosswise at each side in the middle of the car, the others being placed at the sides with the sitters' back to the side of the car. Back seats are used. The cars are nearly finished in oak inside, with maple paneling inside the roof. Four-wheel trucks with 33-inch Allen paper wheels are used.

A very handsome sleeping car is under construction to replace a sleeper belonging to the Atlantic Coast Line, which was burned. The car is 64 ft. long, with Pullman standard framing and roof. The flooring is of yellow pine, the ceiling of maple and the inside finish of mahogany-marquetry design. High back seats are used, covered with maroon plush, having spring edges. All the trimmings are silver plated. The new Baker heater is used and is put in a heater room with the coal box beneath the heater. Six wheel trucks of the Pullman standard, with 42-inch Allen paper wheels carry the car. Three more sleepers of the same style will be built for the same company.

In addition to the passenger cars mentioned, the company have under construction part of an order for 60 cars for the Broadway Street Car Company of New York, and 35 street cars for the Chicago Passenger Railway Company are in progress. Very handsome street cars they are, too; more elaborate in finish than the Broadway cars, but something in the same style, the color being an imposing yellow. There are two sleepers for the Richmond & Danville road that resemble in many respects those for the Atlantic Coast Line; one is also being built for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and one for exhibition at New Orleans. In addition to their standard sleeper, the Pullman Company are getting out for the New Orleans Exhibition 1 first-class passenger car, 1 second-class passenger car, 1 mail and express car and 1 street railway car, all of their standard patterns. The Brunswick & Western Railway Company have 2 passenger cars under way here; the Florida Southern are getting 2 baggage cars and the Terre Haute & Indianapolis 2 chair cars. In the way of stock, the Pullman Car Company are building 6 sleepers. They are also getting ready to build 35 passenger and baggage cars for the Chicago, Burlington & Northern road.

The works are engaged on an order for box freight cars for the Kansas & Gulf Short Line, and on various kinds of freight cars for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. The latter include box stock and flat cars, and all have the company's iron standard truck that is good for any 40,000 pounds load. All these cars have heavy Potter draw-bars. The freight cars were getting ready to begin on the order for 2,200 freight cars for the Chicago, Burlington & Northern.

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### CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.

The car shops of this road are quite busy with repairing, and there is also considerable new work on hand. They have just completed 16 stock cars, 16 box cars, 12 coal dumps and some flats. They are now getting out material for 18 box cars. They are building two combination cars for passengers, baggage and mail, and a sleeping car that got the side knocked in is being rebuilt. The force at Wood street car repair shops has been considerably increased. Work is rushing on the road, and when that is the case there is plenty of repairing to do, with the heavy loads now carried.

There are 13 locomotives in the machine shop undergoing repairs, but no work of a heavy character is being done there. The motive power of the road is in such good order that a light force can do all the repairs necessary. They have recently received from the Schenectady Locomotive Works a new ten-wheel engine with the fire-box on top of the frames. The engine is intended for heavy grades that have sharp curves, this form of heavy engine being selected on account of the short wheel base permissible with the bottom ring of the fire-box above the frames. The engine has done very well in service, and Mr. Tilton, Superintendent of Motive Power, thinks that the careful firing rendered necessary with the shallow fire-box will have a good educational effect upon the firemen.

### WARREN, ST. LOUIS & PACIFIC.

The shops of this road, at Toledo, had been allowed to run down for several years, till they became almost unfit to work in, and badly adapted for doing work economically. A new Master Car-Builder has recently taken charge there, and things are assuming a different appearance. New floors are being put in the freight shops, the paint shop, and the planing mill. New sky-lights are being put in the whole length of the paint shop in answer to a long echoed cry for more light in that establishment. A general cleaning up has been going on in drains, water closets and yards, and the result will soon be apparent in the improved health of the men. Using a different apparatus, there is a way of scrap that has been accumulating for years has found its way to the cupola, the forge and the furnace, and room is made for material required in doing work. They are turning out considerable new work, both passenger and freight cars, and the repair work is getting heavy. The outlook for a very busy season is good.

### ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Mr. Schlacks, the Superintendent of Machinery, has got out three of his new passenger engines. They have cylin-



ders 17 x 24 inches, driving wheels with 57 1/2 inches centers, and boilers 50 inches diameter at the smallest ring. They are equipped with the most approved appliances for convenience in handling and for promoting economy. One innovation over other engines on the road is the Ashton blow-back, which has been put on all the new engines. The tenders, which are made to hold 3,000 gallons of water, are carried by Thielsen trucks, the regular pattern of the road for heavy freight cars. These engines were run two weeks without any lagging on the boilers, the purpose being to have the steam perfectly tight before the permanent covering was put on.

#### CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC.

The car shops of this road are quite busy with repair work in both passenger and freight departments, but very little is going on in the way of new work. Mr. Verbyck is building one new passenger car to replace an old one worn out, and nearly rebuilding another that needed general repairs, both of which will be standard coaches when finished. In freight work he is rebuilding one 34-foot box-car, and about one flat car a day, to replace cars worn out and destroyed, and to keep up equipment, but no orders are in for building new freight cars.

In the machine shops, Mr. Twombly is building six new eight-wheel engines, with cylinders 17 x 24 inches and boiler 54 inches diameter. These large boilers are straight, with the dome advanced to admit of the fire-box being stayed direct to the outside shell. The boiler shell is made of 3/4 inch steel, the outside shell of fire-box is 1/2 inch steel, with only one seam on top. The inside of fire-box has crown and side sheets made from a single sheet. The flue sheets are 1/2 inch thick. These engines will be 4 tons heavier than the locomotives previously built, the principal increase of weight being in the boilers. The frames are slightly increased in weight.

All the engines belonging to the company have now got slight continuous lubricators for the cylinders. Mr. Twombly believes that no single improvement effected for years, has given a better return for the investment than the outlay for sight lubricators. During the past year, the company have put \$50,000 worth of new machinery into their Chicago shops. That is another sort of investment they expect will yield good returns.

#### ATLANTIC COAST Locomotive WORKS.

They are building a large foundry in connection with these works, which is likely to be the best arranged and equipped establishment of the kind in this country, when finished. It was expected that the foundry would be in running order this fall, but the builder has fallen behind with his work, and the prospects of getting the roof on before snow flies are dubious. The works are building some engines for the Missouri, Iowa & Nebraska road, and some for the Jacksonville & Atlantic. The boiler shop is busy on orders for stationary and marine boiler work. They are building some hoisting machinery in the machine shop, and between that and the locomotive work, keep a fair force of men busy.

#### RETAIL Locomotive WORKS.

During a recent visit to these works, at Philadelphia, we found they had 12 engines of various sizes and classes in the erecting shop, and that they were doing considerable work, more than they were doing for several months.

To judge from the appearance of the boilers in these shops, we would conclude that the practice of building straight boilers with the dome put forward to permit the crown sheet of the fire-box to be stayed direct to the outside shell, is rapidly becoming popular. An odd form of engine in the shop was a tank engine for the Port Blandly Mill Company. It had four coupled drivers in the middle, with a pony truck in front and another behind the fire-box. This engine is equipped with a double-cylinder steam hoisting winch, which is fastened on the deck in front of the smoke-box. Steam to operate the winch is taken from the boiler of the locomotive. There was a small wood-burning engine ready for shipment for a 2-foot 6-inch gauge road that is built on a plantation at Cuba. The engine had the Rees and Coupler, and a pony truck under the boiler. The Richmond & Danville Railroad had some consolidation engines nearly ready. They are exceedingly heavy engines, as they weigh 55 tons. They stand very high and have the fire-box above the frame.

The portion of the shop that was burned last year is now in full running order, and is full of the most modern machine tools, excellent arrangement for doing work accurately and quickly. There are now many tools in this part, made for special work connected with locomotive building. Among these is a hydraulic press for forcing piston rods into the head, doing away with sledging. There is another hydraulic press for straightening guides that have been sprung in hardening. A great deal has been said of late about the economy of economy of iron guides, but, somehow, very few of them are turned out of contract shops, although we would suppose that makers would prefer to put on the cheap cast-iron guide rather than the expensive article made of good iron, case-hardened. The machine for straightening guides can put, by gradations, a pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch upon any part. A small hydraulic press, made specially for the purpose, is used for forcing plungers into glands and similar work. With this press the operator can tell how much power he is applying, which prevents the in-

efficient fractures so often caused where blind, unmeasured force is employed. There is an ingeniously devised special tool for drilling the holes in the heads of driver brakes, and it alters the position of the hole to suit the size of the wheel. An overhead carrier is secured round the second story of the newly-built shop where the guides, cross-heads, piston rods and such work, is finished. Formerly it kept three men busy moving material to and from this floor, but by means of the power carrier one man can now do the work easily.

#### WILLIAM SELLERS & CO., PHILADELPHIA.

During a recent visit to these admirably conducted works, we found they were not doing so much on current work as they were preparing to handle in an improved fashion the work that will come so soon as business improves. They have made some important changes in the iron foundry lately. They have built an overhead traveling crane that traverses the whole length of the shop and dispenses with the use of all the swing cranes. The increase of room and light by this change, is important in a foundry that turns out a great deal of work of all shapes and sizes. The crane has two trolleys which lift 13 tons each. They are worked in concert and can lift the heaviest flask in the shop. The crane is worked by a square shaft traversing the whole length of the shop, and the weights put on are self-sustaining. As promptitude in handling flasks filled with molten metal is an important consideration in a foundry, some points were expressed about the speed of a traveling crane, being fast enough for such work, but we have shown that this crane meets all requirements. It is traversed at a speed of 120 feet a minute, which is the fastest speed we know of such a machine being geared to run. Does any one know of a faster traveling crane?

#### MORRIS SELLERS & CO. (CHICAGO SPICE BAR MILL).

These works are busy in getting a large order for their Samson Spice Bar for the Wisconsin Central Railroad and other smaller orders make the outlook for a busy winter very favorable. Every indication goes to show that this spice bar, made on a sound mechanical principle, is forcing its way into public favor by the way it stands intact where other kinds of rail fastenings are continually breaking. The mill where the spice bars are made is very well provided with special machinery for doing the work. The operation of cutting off, straightening, punching the bolt holes, and slotting the spike notch, are done very quickly in machines designed to save time and labor in handling. Great care is exercised in the inspection of the bars, and we observed hundreds of bars thrown into the scrap pile for small flaws. We have seen new track put together with bars, very few of which were so good as the average of this scrap pile. We observed some curiosities in the shape of old rails round the yard of this mill. There were several pear-headed rails, a pattern that came into use years ago, and of which great things were expected in the way of long service; but, like many other great expectations, they never were realized. Another great expectation rail was represented by several pieces: this was an iron rail with a steel cap. The Bessemer process ruined the prospects of that rail. Several lengths of the compound rail were lying round waiting to be worked up. The compound rail was made up of two slabs riveted together, each half was the same shape as half of a common T-rail split vertically through its length. How it was expected that these two parts would be stronger after they were punched with rivet holes to provide the means of holding them together than the same material would be if rolled solid, is one of the mechanical mysteries no other fellow can understand. A great deal is said of late about the necessity for having car wheel treads made uniform. A visit to this spice bar mill reveals some necessity for missionary labors in introducing uniformity in rail sections. This mill keeps over 150 different patterns of rolls, so that the spice bars may be made to fit the rails of different sections belonging to the company's customers. And they are still making new patterns of rolls to meet the changing requirements.

#### GENERAL SMELTING WORKS, PHILADELPHIA.

Paul S. Reeves, the owner of these works, is turning out some extremely heavy brass castings, and his facilities for producing this kind of work are very good, indeed, for a shop that looks rather unimposing outside. We saw rolls 2 x 8 feet newly cast for paper machinery, and they were as clean and flawless as any moderate sized brass casting. He is working on a large order of brass pulleys for an overhead wire cable railroad. Large quantities of the Reeves improved lead-lined car bearings are being turned out to meet the growing demand for that kind of bearing.

The recent sale of the South Branch Lumber Co., of Chicago, to the Pullman Palace Car Co., of four million feet of stuff—stills, flooring, siding, and roofing, is a notable event in the lumber market of that city. The *Northwestern Lumberman* says that it will make a great cavity in the classes of lumber required, including both Norway and white pine. Strips enter largely into the bill, and the stocks all over the district will be powerfully drawn upon. The placing of this large amount of lumber comes at a time when trips are being frequently required, and it is beginning to dawn on the minds of dealers that there is no surplus of this class of lumber on hand.

#### Material Used for Boilers and Fire-Boxes.

Persistent attempts have been made during the past year or two by a railroad paper to lead master mechanics to believe that many of their contemporaries are abandoning the use of steel plates in fire-box and boiler construction, and that those who are not returning to the use of iron ought to be doing so. The Master Mechanics' Association at its last meeting unanimously passed a resolution recording the belief that steel was the best material for locomotive fire-boxes, but that it did not signify the paper referred to, for it kept up the fight against steel, and declared that the Association did not represent the mechanical practice of American railroads. If a lie is uttered often enough, a great many people will come to regard it as a truth, and this was the case with the continued assertion that steel was being rapidly displaced by iron for fire-box construction. The assertion was making many master mechanics uncomfortable. To find out the exact truth of the matter, we addressed letters to the leading master mechanics of the country, asking what material they were using in the construction of boilers and fire-boxes, and we publish below the gist of the answers. We have no axe to grind; we only desire to find out the truth.

Mr. R. D. Wade, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, writes:

My experience with steel fire-boxes commenced in 1869, with two locomotives built by Rogers Locomotive Works. Fire-boxes of both these locomotives are still in service and in good condition. Since that time we have built and repaired constant numbers of all steel fire-boxes. I have never yet had to replace any of the boxes, and out of the five I have never had one cracked along the side, except some small cracks from rivet holes out to the edge. It is true, that until the last four years wood was the fuel used in all of these engines, and I can now see about one crack of third of them, and probably with coal from the commencement of service, the record would not have been so good. I am satisfied, however, that iron fire-boxes would not have shown as good results, and I should regret very much to be compelled to go back to them.

Mr. Geo. W. Stevens, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, writes:

Referring to your favor 5th inst., would say, that steel, having been found to give the best results, is used exclusively.

Mr. Josiah Bettis, Master Mechanic of Louisville, New Albany & Chicago Railroad, writes:

I have used steel exclusively for locomotive boilers and renewals of fire-boxes for the past ten years, with most favorable results. Iron, in my judgment, does not compare favorably in any respect with steel as a material for locomotive work.

Mr. W. F. Turrell, General Master Mechanic of the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway, writes:

Replying to your inquiry of the 5th inst., asking my opinion as to the relative value of steel and iron for locomotive boilers and fire-boxes, would say, that in my experience steel is much preferable to iron. When I have built and repaired constant numbers of fire-boxes with blistering and material otherwise defective, which satisfied me that it was not suitable for such service. I have been using the Otto steel for locomotive boilers and fire-boxes for the past twenty years, which has given entire satisfaction, and I have no desire to go back to the use of iron.

Mr. J. Henney, Jr., Superintendent of Motive Power of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, writes:

We are using Otto steel for boilers and fire-boxes with good results. We are using the Buchanan fire-box for all of our passenger engines. We flange the large holes so that any steel that is exposed to the fire is protected by water on the other side.

Mr. S. D. Bradley, Master Mechanic of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, writes:

This company has been using Otto and Schenker steel. The quality of both is excellent. We have had no trouble whatever. I cannot understand why the question of comparison should come up at this late date.

Mr. A. B. Underhill, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Boston & Albany Railroad, writes:

We use steel for boilers, fire-boxes and tanks. We have had failures, but the cases are rare. The failures are with the fire-box plates, and have always happened when the engine was nearly cold, and is due to unequal contraction. We are very careful about cooling our boilers suddenly, never filling a warm boiler with cold water. Our water is pure. The first steel fire-box that I made and used was in 1869. The steel was Hesser, Wells & Co. crucible, and the plates three-eighths thick. The locomotive has been running ever since on a passenger train using bituminous coal, and there has never been a vent exploded in the fire-box. I should just as soon think of returning to iron tires as to iron boilers and fire-boxes.

Mr. T. Downing, Master Mechanic of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railroad, writes:

We have used steel almost exclusively on this line since its value as a boiler material has been recognized, and have found the results satisfactory. We do not use steel so that any steel to iron, at least at present, or until we know more on the subject.

Mr. L. T. Chapman, Superintendent of Motive Power, Chicago & Ohio Railroad, writes:

Your favor of 5th inst. had in reference to the relative value of iron and steel for locomotive boilers. I regret that I cannot give you some data worth publishing on the subject you have taken up. Our boilers being made of steel, I have not built any one of our engines five years ago last May, and have been using nothing but steel. This five-year-old steel that purpose from that time till date. We have in service at present 12 engines with steel fire-boxes, and have yet to find the first crack or bulge in any of them except one and that one was made by accident. I have never had a crack in any of them. They were using the engine for six weeks at a point where they did not wash out or even change the water. All the clearing out she got was by the engine being filled through the top. I have never blowing out at blow-off cold. That fire-box cracked in several places, and needed some pretty heavy repairs. I thought they were using water siphoned from sloughs and ditches, as is usual in construction.

Mr. John Player, Master Mechanic of the Central Iowa Railway, writes:

I cannot say aught against steel as compared with iron for fire-boxes in locomotives. I have not built any one of our engines five years ago last May, and have been using nothing but steel. This five-year-old steel that purpose from that time till date. We have in service at present 12 engines with steel fire-boxes, and have yet to find the first crack or bulge in any of them except one and that one was made by accident. I have never had a crack in any of them. They were using the engine for six weeks at a point where they did not wash out or even change the water. All the clearing out she got was by the engine being filled through the top. I have never blowing out at blow-off cold. That fire-box cracked in several places, and needed some pretty heavy repairs. I thought they were using water siphoned from sloughs and ditches, as is usual in construction. We have been five times run our engines very hard, some of them running for weeks without stopping, or cooling on the quick plan of blowing off steam and starting cold water into them before let-



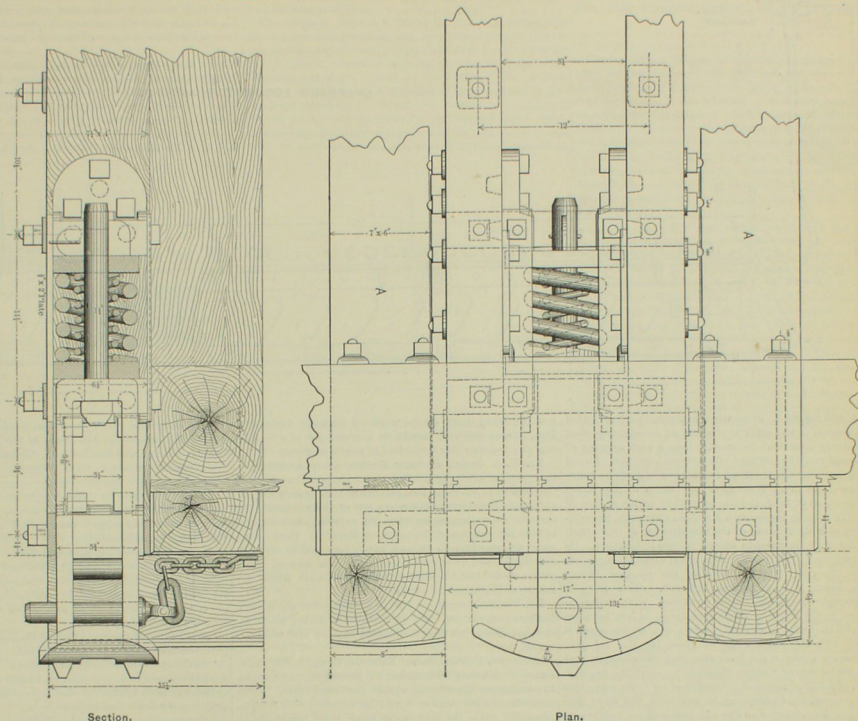








FREIGHT CAR DRAW-GEAR OF LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.



The cuts show the details of the draw-gear used on the Lehigh Valley road, together with the method of applying it to the cars. The whole arrangement is very compact, and the timber is so disposed that the iron work is of the simplest kind. The draw-head is short, in its normal position not extending further back than the inside of the end sill. The projection beyond the dead-woods is about 1½ inches, the intention being to take the blow of the buffing on the frame of the car before the springs are exhausted. This plan makes the work for the bolts and castings very light, as it throws all the more violent shocks upon the frame of the car nearly in a line with the center sills. The sticks shown at A A in the plan, run from the bottom of the blocks back to the bolster where they have a firm bearing in a pocket casting. The weight of the draw-gear thus fitted up is small, and the car is relieved of much of the load which is usually placed upon the end for the same purpose. The practice of the road shows that this is a very material advantage. The dead-blocks are so long that there is no possibility of the lowest car running under them. They are as near together as they can be and give sufficient clearance to the draw-head. The brakeman has only 16½ inches to reach in order to get at the pin. If the cars come together, shutting up the springs and striking the dead-woods, there is a space of 11 inches on each car, or 22 inches in all between Lehigh Valley cars, which is sufficient to protect a large man. As the dead-woods measure but 33 inches from out to out, there is no danger that even a narrow dead-block will pass between them. In case a car should bring its end sill flat against the dead-woods there would be a sufficient space to prevent a man of ordinary size from injury if he stood sidewise. As the advantages of this form of construction are becoming known it is regarded with more and more favor, and many old railway men who were formerly opposed to it now consider it the correct method.

Building Locomotives in Contract Shops.

Mr. H. G. Brooks, President of the Brooks Locomotive Works, Dunkirk, N. Y., having been requested by the editors of the Railway Age to give his views on the relative economy of railroad companies purchasing or building their own locomotives, writes his opinion with considerable minuteness. The views of Mr. J. H. Setchel, Superintendent of the works, are also given. As Mr. Setchel was

until very recently the master mechanic of a road that followed the practice to some extent of building their own locomotives, his knowledge of the subject may be safely accepted as thoroughly applicable to present practice. Mr. Setchel holds that working continually on the same operations, enables a mechanic to do much more work than when he is frequently changing his operations, hence the skill begotten of constant practice gives contract shops an advantage over repair shops. He also says that when new work is done in a repair shop, such work is often made to appear economically constructed by a portion of the labor being charged to engines in service. Mr. Brooks holds that contract shops supply locomotives cheaper than they can be built in railroad shops, except when a great demand exists for engines to be built on short time. Exorbitant prices are charged for locomotives at such times, but the railroad companies that suffer then, have themselves to blame for not keeping up their equipment. The railroads that have habitually to pay high prices for locomotives they buy, are those that let their equipment run down during periods of depression, and have to renew extensively when a revival of business comes round. Mr. Brooks might have truthfully added that the policy pursued by such roads has a direct tendency to render the business of

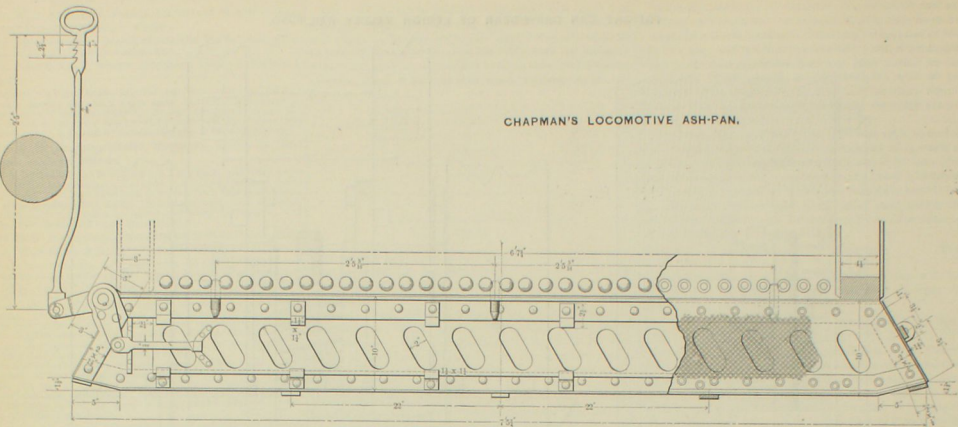
the country fluctuating, and is demoralizing to numerous industries, so they do not deserve any sympathy for having to pay a high price for rolling stock or other equipment.

Letter-Ballot Results.

The Secretary of the Master Car-Builders' Association has issued a circular announcing the rejection, by letter-ballot, of the Standard Wheel Tread and Flange recommended by the committee on that subject at the convention at Old Point Comfort last June, there being 333 affirmative and 146 negative votes cast, the affirmative lacking 20 of the requisite two-thirds. The circular also announces that the standard and limit variation of ¼-inch each way from 4 ft. 5½ in. between inside of wheel flanges, recommended by the same committee, was adopted by a vote of 365 to 14.

The result of the letter-ballot on the adoption of a Standard Brake-Shoe and Head, has also been announced. The "Christie" shoe and head received 269 affirmative, against 163 negative votes. The "Collin" shoe and head received 180 affirmative against 245 negative votes. As neither of them received the requisite two-thirds of all the votes cast, neither of them is adopted as a standard.





It is well known to those who have closely investigated the operation of the draft appliances of locomotives, that the ordinary American locomotive loses a vast amount of heat while running, owing to the intense hurricane of wind that rushes through the front damper and tears up any thin portions of the fire. Want of proper means of regulating the admission of air to the fire is another source of loss of heat. To remedy these evils, Mr. J. L. Chapman, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, designed the ash-pan shown in the engravings. Its construction will be readily understood after an examination of the cuts. On the sides of the ash-pan, fifteen oblong holes, 2 x 4 1/2 inches, are cut. Over them a sliding-plate is fitted, also provided with holes to fit those on the ash-pan. Sufficient space is left between the holes to make a covering when the sliding-plate is moved with its holes clear of those on the ash-pan. Notches are made on the lever operating the slides, so that they can be moved various distances to meet the requirements of a full or reduced admission of air. By using this arrangement, the engines can be run with the front and back dampers closed, and the admission of air to all parts of the fire is perfectly uniform. When an engine is working very hard, and is burning so much coal that the supply of air by the side openings is likely to be deficient, the back damper is opened. Mr. Chapman says that considerable saving of fuel is effected by using this damper.

#### Western Railway Club.

The regular monthly meeting of this club was held at Chicago, October 31, President Pierce in the chair. There was a fair attendance. In the absence of Secretary Forsyth, Mr. Angus Sinclair, NATIONAL CAR-BUILDER, was elected Secretary pro tem.

After some preliminary business was disposed of, it was intimated that the first subject for discussion was: SHOULD AUTOMATIC BRAKES FOR FREIGHT CARS BE PUT ON BOTH TRUCKS?

Mr. Verbyck, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, at the request of the president, opened the discussion. He favored the engineer of a freight train being put in full control of the train, just as he now is with a passenger train. This change would enable freight trains to be run faster, and would give railroad companies more use of their rolling stock. They have air-brakes on part of their freight equipment, and they give satisfaction.

Mr. Mackenzie, New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railway, asked what effect the brakes had on the wheels, and if the brakes were put on both trucks?

Mr. Verbyck answered that they had not had enough experience with the automatic brake on freight cars to judge of its effect on the wheels. They put the brake on both trucks of a car where the automatic brake was put on, and he was following the same practice with all freight cars.

Mr. Townsend, Chicago & Alton, had no automatic brakes on any of their freight cars. He favored that kind of brake, thought it saved life and property, and gave a railroad company more service out of its equipment. He believed in putting the brakes on both trucks, for with that plan there was not much danger of sliding the wheels.

Mr. Sinclair said he had been at Aurora on the previous day, and thought the members would be interested in something he heard the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad people were doing. They had been using the automatic air-brake on some of their cars for over a year, and no more repairs had been done to them than was necessary to keep them working. The cars had now been called in to Aurora and put on a train without repairs being made on the brakes, and tests were to be made of

how the brake would do the work of stopping the train. This, it was believed, would be a good test of a brake's capacity for standing the ordeal of rough service.

Mr. W. A. Smith, *Railway Review*, drew attention to a circular lately issued by a committee of the Master Car-Builders, inviting the patentees and proprietors of automatic freight-car brakes to a test of their brakes. He thought the requirements were too exacting, and wished to hear the opinion of the members about it. Each company was required to furnish 50 box cars, which was not reasonable, and he saw no reason why the railroad companies should not be asked to supply the cars when the inventors furnished the brakes.

Mr. Verbyck regarded that as a rather delicate subject for him to speak on. He supported the terms made by the committee, but finally admitted that 50 cars were too many.

Mr. Snow, Illinois Central Railroad, thought the experience of railroads with brakes for passenger trains ought to guide them in selecting a brake for freight cars. Automatic freight-car brakes would be expensive for repairs, especially when the cars were away from home, but he believed it would pay railroad companies to use them. He had little experience with anything but the air brake.

Messrs. Verbyck, Smith, Snow and Mackenzie discussed at some length the relative value of different brakes, and the advantage of automatic brakes, after which the discussion closed.

#### SELECTION OF SHOP FOREMEN.

A letter was read from Mr. G. W. Stevens, of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway, giving his views on the subject. He favored the selection of intelligent men with executive ability for the position of foreman.

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#### RAILWAY LIBRARY.

Mr. W. A. Smith proposed that the club should undertake the formation of a railway library. It was very desirable that a good railway library, containing a thoroughly exhaustive collection of books relating to all departments of railroad business, should be established in America, and he did not know of a more suitable city than Chicago for such an institution, and he favored this club arranging to carry out the business.

All the members present were asked to express their views on the subject, and all favored proceeding with the project.

A committee was then appointed to do the preliminary work.

#### Roadmaster's Convention.

The largest meeting of the Roadmaster's Association assembled at the Tremont House, Chicago, Oct. 14. President Burnett occupied the chair. After the preliminary work was finished, which included listening to an address of welcome by Mayor Harrison, the president intimated that the first subject for consideration was Railway Switches. The report not being ready, Railroad Frogs and Guard-Rails was taken up. The committee reported in favor of the spring rail frog as superior to the stiff rail. Frog riveted to a plate was preferred to one held by clamp and bolts, but there was some diversity of opinion. A length of 15 feet was recommended for frogs. To suit the wheel limit of 4 feet 5 1/2 inches, adopted by the Master Car-Builders' Association, and that of 4 feet 5 inches, adopted by the Pennsylvania Railroad, the committee recommended that the guard-rail distance should be 3 inches, and the throat of frog the same. They recommended that the gauge should be exact at the point.

In the discussion that followed the reading of this report, considerable opposition was raised to the spring rail frog. The riveted frog was decidedly the favorite compared with those fastened by bolts. On the other subjects little opposition was raised to the views of the committee.

A report was made on "Handling Coal for Locomotives," which made out that considerable saving was effected by using chutes. The subject was referred to the Association of Railway Superintendents.

The committee on "Weight and Form of Rail" recommended 60 pounds per yard for light and 70 pounds per yard for heavy traffic. For form they recommended that the base be equal to the height, and that the radius of the top of the head be the same as that of the fillet of the wheel, 1 inch preferred.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of this report, but no change was recommended.

"Railway Switches" was next taken up, and a lengthy discussion ensued on the relative merits of stub and split switches. Both kinds had their advocates, but the split switchmen got the best arguments in.

The committee on "Gravel and Cinder Ballast" reported in favor of gravel for the road and cinders for yards. That was the cheapest method of handling gravel, steam shovel and plow or by hand, was said to depend very much on circumstances.

The committee on "Rock Ballast" reported strongly in favor of rock as compared to gravel or sand. During the discussion that followed the reading of the report, however, the expressed opinion was decidedly against rock. A member who had used rock for 30 years used to think there was nothing like it, but now his opinions had undergone a change. He had some 40 miles ballasted with gravel and it is the finest piece of track he has. One man can do as much work in gravel as two in rock. His company is now trying to get a gravel pit, in order to raise the road 6 inches. The rock men claimed that in some places it was economical to use stone, especially on sharp curves. The gravel men claimed that their drainage was just as perfect as with stone.

The last subject introduced for discussion was the "Elevation of Curves." The prevailing practice appeared to be raising the outer rail 1/4 inch for a degree, but some of the speakers insisted that 1/2 of an inch for a degree was necessary for high speed.

The next meeting of the association will be held in St. Louis.

#### The Hackensack Collisions.

The most disastrous accident which has marred American railroad operating for several years, happened on the Hackensack Meadows of the Pennsylvania Railroad, on the evening of October 18. At 7:50 P.M. that evening a west-bound emigrant train left Jersey City, the train consisting of an engine, seven box-cars loaded with baggage, caboose, and seven passenger cars, the latter all heavily loaded with passengers. This train stopped at the coal station on the Meadows for the locomotive to take coal. On starting, the coupling of the last car broke, causing some delay, but no danger was apprehended, for the road at that part is operated under an absolute block system, which prohibits two trains from being on the same block. But owing to a fatal mistake of the signal-man controlling the block on which the emigrant train stood, a fast express train was permitted to enter it without any warning of danger, and this train, owing to a slight fog covering the low-lying meadows, was almost close to the delayed train before its proximity was observed, and a violent collision ensued. This collision was not probably very fatal in itself, but the shock threw the caboose and the last passen







sheets, these are copied on blanks to be sent to the Superintendent of Motive Power; the entire amount of coal that each man has consumed during the month, the number of pounds saved or used in excess, and the amount of his premium. These blanks are accompanied by a sheet which shows at a glance the total number of men in different services working for a premium, the number of men earning one, the lowest and highest premiums made, the average premium, total premiums, entire amount of fuel consumed by engineers, total car mileage and average amount of coal used per car per mile. On a sheet posted in the roundhouse and open to the inspection of all, there are placed the names of the men, amount of coal consumed, amount saved or used in excess and premiums earned.

The man earning the largest premium receives a complimentary letter.

The men using an excess, of which there are usually very few, are sent a letter of censure, and if in the next month or two there is no improvement in their record, there are steps taken to find out just who or what is at fault. There never is any difficulty in ascertaining whether the blame is to be attached to the engineer, fireman or engine.

It is thought by a great many persons that the introduction of this system on a line of road will be attended by considerable expense in the shape of a great deal of extra clerk hire, extra men to do the shoveling, measuring of the coal, etc. Some know so little about it that they imagine that it will require the services of a clerk for each half dozen engines on the road. Now, this is not the case. One clerk in connection with a man experienced in all the details of the system, keeping an eye both upon the road and office, can work up from 80 to 100 engines. No extra men need to be employed at the roundhouse. The firemen shovel down the coal, and one of the hostlers or wipers can be detailed to measure the coal as the engines come in, besides having plenty of time to attend to his other work. The expense as compared with the saving is but slight.

I expect that those who are interested enough in this matter to read this article, will want to know what has been accomplished by it. As far as saving coal is concerned, I know that in ten months after its introduction on the road with which I am connected, it reduced the average coal used per car mile 1.34 pounds, which was equal to an annual saving of about \$250 per engine. This was done in spite of the fact that previous to the introduction of the present system there had been another fuel saving system of a different sort in operation on the same road, and that a great many of the runners were newly promoted men. I also know that the record for 1885 will be equally as good, if not better, showing most conclusively that the good effects of this system are permanent.

This system appeals to the men in two different ways. The roundhouse sheet shows their complete records, and all of the men who are desirous of being classed as careful, competent and economical runners, need no further incentive than the desire that their records may commend themselves favorably to the minds of all who see them.

The payment of a cash premium influences the man, the road to whose heart and mind lies through his pocketbook. When he sees men who are doubting perhaps on his own engine, make men from \$5 to \$12 per month, he concludes that he is going to try for it also, and the first thing you know that man's record is as good as any of the others.

In other matters connected with the motive power, the introduction of this system will be found of indirect but decided advantage. It is a well established fact that if you teach a man to be careful in one direction, and keep hammering away at him, the care which he exercises in the discharge of his general duties will likely be increased in almost the same proportion. The power is kept in much better shape. The noise of escaping steam from the safety valve is seldom heard. The boiler makers have less calling of flues to do an account of both runner and fireman striving to carry water and fire as near right as possible, and thus avoiding transition from one extreme of temperature to the other.

I could, from my own experience and observation, cite innumerable instances that prove all that the most enthusiastic friend of the system claims for it, but I must cease before the reader's patience is entirely exhausted. C.

#### Return to Light Rolling Stock.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

In your October issue Mr. Wm. S. Huntington makes some remarks about locomotives that I am afraid may not have received sufficient attention from the master mechanics and locomotive builders of America; so with your leave, I will continue the subject. Mr. Huntington tells us that the modern locomotives work in a clumsy and unsatisfactory manner, and sighs for the good days of thirty years ago, when diminutive locomotives weighing from 15 to 25 tons pulled the trains of the period at speeds of from 50 to 60 miles an hour. These engines, he says, were great favorites till master mechanics "monkeyed" with and spoiled them. Most of the improvements tried since these halcyon days, he assures us have been failures, and the only hope he sees for efficient future service, is to take a step backward thirty years.

I have repeated the points made in Mr. Huntington's letter, because I wish to emphasize them and let our railroad managers know what they have lost by permitting master mechanics to run their machinery, when they might have obtained the wise counsel of Mr. Huntington and other roadmasters who never would have spoiled 20-ton engines that were capable of running trains 60 miles an hour. All of us who ever had anything to do with the old-time light locomotives know they were mostly splendid engines to run when they had no trains behind them, and they would be red hot all the time when the wood was good and they had no heavy work to do. Then they certainly were easy on the track; as that is the first and last consideration in railroad operating. It follows that men like Mr. Huntington, who understand what is good and what is bad for the track, ought to reign supreme in the councils of railroad management.

But there is a familiar illustration of the evils which Mr. Huntington points out, to be seen in Boston every day. A train is run from Boston to Lowell, and is hauled by an immense locomotive that weighs about 45 tons. That engine pushes over the road at a speed of 50 miles an hour, and pulls 14 or 15 cars, about half of them sleepers—another abomination never thought of thirty years ago. Now just reflect on the tremendous blows that the wheels of that 45-ton locomotive must hammer upon every inch of the track between Boston and Lowell at such a speed and with such a train. No wonder that American railroads frequently go into the hands of receivers. An old time engine, such as Mr. Huntington remembers with lingering affection, makes the time easily with two of the Lowell train cars. Would it not be a wise and money-saving change on the part of the B. & L. management, to build small engines of the perfect type referred to, and run the train in seven sections, or put seven of the small locomotives in front to pull the whole train? They would certainly be much easier on the track than the 45-ton engine, and if the same policy were followed with all kinds of trains, steel rails would last for ever, and the services of the engine men, and the truckmen could be dispensed with altogether. Roadmasters would then be utilized to take charge of the machine shops, and the section hands could do the locomotive and car repairs.

A. MACCAY.

#### Valve-Oil Consumption.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

Some of our readers may be interested in the following report made in August last by George F. Wilson, M.M. of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway, to W. H. Truesdell, Vice-President of the road, and referring to the comparative consumption of valve oil on different passenger engines during the months of June and July last. The runs were made between Albert Lea and Angus, engine No. 14 being equipped with our new eight-foot cylinder oilers, while engines Nos. 13 and 58 were not so equipped:

Engines.	Mileage.	June.	Miles to pint.	Mileage.	July.	Miles to pint.
13.....	2,334	31	63	2,750	30	16 pint.
58.....	1,880	30	63	2,754	40	60
14.....	2,750	32	110	2,754	16	16

NATHAN MFG. CO., New York.

#### Size of Locomotives.

To the Editor of the National Car-Builder:

Permit me to correct an error in the article on "Improving Compound Locomotives," in your October issue.

You say that a diameter of 21 inches for locomotive cylinders has not yet been attained in this country. The Philadelphia & Reading road has to my knowledge two Wooten passenger engines in regular service with cylinders 21 inches diameter and 22-inch stroke, and several more engines with cylinders of the same size were built and put in service by that company last summer. I think also that Ross Winans built two camel engines with 22-inch cylinders many years ago for the Erie road. The "Decapod" engine recently built at the Baldwin Works has 32 & 38 inch cylinders. J. SNOWDEN BELL.

PHILADELPHIA, October, 1885.

[The article referred to was from the *Mechanical World* (London), and was duly credited to that paper. What is said in it about the size of cylinders is correct as respects English locomotives. We willingly print Mr. Bell's letter lest other readers may have understood that the statements in the article applied to American locomotives.—Ed. CAR-BUILDER.]

#### Novelties Exhibition Exhibits.

A. WHITNEY & SONS, car wheel manufacturers, Philadelphia, exhibit a sprinkling apparatus to be used in connection with an ordinary flask in cooling car wheels during the purpose of contracting the chill. After the chill has been expended by the heat of the molten metal poured into the mould, it is made to contract again to its original size by the play of continuous jets of water upon its outer surface, thus maintaining contact with the inclosed casting long enough to insure a deeper and more uniform chill.

The variations in the size of wheels, due to the varying temperature of the metal, are also prevented by this process, and a more perfect roundness secured. The effectiveness of this apparatus is increased by dividing the interior face of "the chill" into sections.

The same firm also exhibit three models representing devices by which the windows of railroad cars, instead of sliding up and down in the usual way, may be opened from either side according to the direction in which the train is moving, and when opened be secured at any desirable angle. By this means dust and cinders will be excluded from the car, the car itself thoroughly ventilated by the motion of the train, and the opening of a window by one passenger can not inconvenience another. One of these models is so constructed that one side can not be opened without at the same time securely hinging and locking the opposite side, and in such a way that it can not be unlocked until the opened side is again closed.

An improvement for fitting up wheels to run loose on axles without axle collars, and excluding dust, is also exhibited, and in connection therewith, an improved pedestal for securing axles to car bodies. These last-named devices are being applied to mining cars.

#### Preventing Smoke.

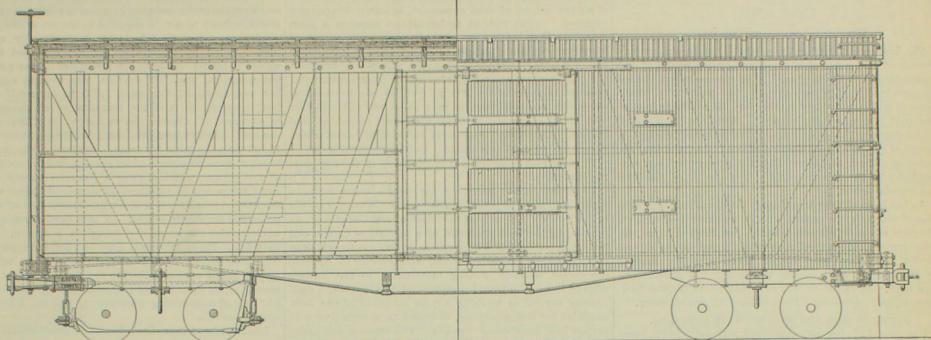
Of late years, there has been a remarkable awakening of interest among railroad officers on the subject of smoke prevention. It is no longer considered as a necessary and unavoidable evil for a locomotive to pollute the atmosphere with a dense cloud of smoke wherever the engine may be at work. The principles of combustion are daily becoming better understood, and every advance in this line of knowledge spreads abroad the belief that clouds of smoke rising from an engine proclaim the incompetency of those who are responsible for its appearance. The municipal authorities of several important cities are striving to enforce penalties to punish smoke-raising the same as any other nuisance deleterious to health and comfort. Little good had yet been done by ordinances against smoke, but the time is coming when ordinances of this kind will have to be strictly enforced.

Many people otherwise well informed appear to think that there must be smoke, and plenty of it, wherever soft coal is burned, and that a liberal amount of smoke is a necessary accompaniment of heat production. The writer once saw a locomotive that was under his charge standing at a union passenger depot, and pouring out a dense stream of black smoke that was settling down on a crowded platform, causing extreme annoyance. We went up to the engineer and asked, "Why don't you stop that smoke?" The man was an old, experienced runner, but he looked up amazed, just as much as if we had asked, "Why did he not carry his engine out of the way?" Seeing his perplexity, we went and closed the dampers—of course they were open although steam was blowing off—opened the door, started the blower a little and held the shovel in at the door obligingly till a flame was started on top of the fresh coal. That stopped the smoke completely and the engineer was astonished. He acknowledged that he never heard of such a thing before.

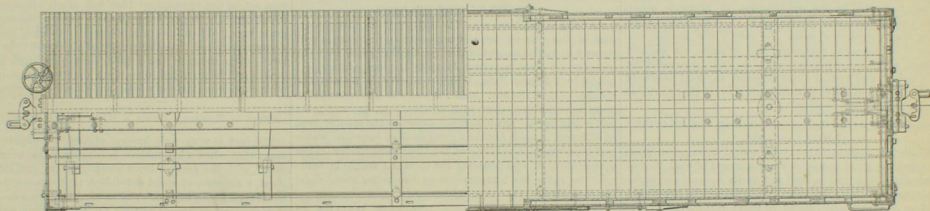
The men in charge of the locomotives of America are suffering badly for want of missionary work that would teach the way of coal salvation. There are few railroads in this country that would not profit immensely in reduced operating expenses if they would send apostles to teach the way of proper firing. During a recent visit to Buffalo, we were strongly impressed with the need of strict smoke-preventing ordinances, or of instruction to the engineers and firemen how to prevent smoke for many of the locomotives around that city were the densest smokers we had noticed in wide-extended ramblings. Yet there is in Buffalo what we would regard as an excellent school for teaching all interested in the subject how thoroughly smoke can be prevented even with the softest of bituminous coal, if the proper means be taken. The electric light plant belonging to the Brush Electric Light Company, in Buffalo, is run by steam taken from six self-feeding Murphy furnaces, and although these furnaces are hard fired to supply steam for about 600 horsepower, no breath of smoke is seen issuing from the stack. The reason for this is, that the coal is supplied to the fire continuously, and no large amount of fresh coal is ever present. The system is perhaps hardly applicable to locomotives, but an examination of its operation could not fail to teach thoughtful locomotive men lessons about their work that would not readily be forgotten. Failing to find more convincing means of teaching, it is good to tell men what can be done to prevent smoke and effect improved combustion, but showing them how the thing can be done is far more impressive, and we should think it would pay the railroad companies running into Buffalo, to induce all their engineers and firemen to visit the Brush electric light station frequently when the engines are at work. Mr. John F. Montfort, the president of the company, is an old time railroad officer, having been president of the Buffalo & Northwestern Railroad for years, and he takes such a lively interest in the economical operation of these furnaces that we are persuaded he would readily arrange to have men in search of information about them fully instructed.



FURNITURE AND WAGON CAR.—CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY.



Sectional and Side Elevation.



Floor Frame and Roof.

Floor.

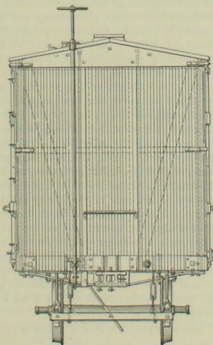
The general dimensions of the car illustrated in the cuts are as follows:

Length over sills.....	38 ft. 0 in.
Width over sills.....	8 " 6 "
Length over roof.....	38 " 6 "
Width over roof.....	9 " 13 "
Length between inside lining.....	37 " 0 "
Width between inside lining.....	8 " 0 "
Height from floor to lowest part of rafter.....	8 " 5 1/2 "
Distance between sill and plate.....	8 " 5 "
Height from top of rail to top of running board.....	13 " 8 1/2 "
Length over face of draw-bar.....	40 " 11 1/4 "
Total wheel base.....	31 " 10 1/2 "

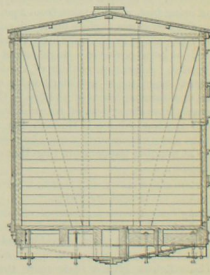
This car, as will be seen by the dimensions, is very much longer than the maximum length of standard box cars. In the details of its construction it does not differ materially from other box cars of the road; but for the service for which it is built it is a new departure, being specially designed for the transportation of furniture, wagons, agricultural implements and bulky articles that require a great deal of room in proportion to their weight. The capacity of these cars is rated at 40,000 pounds, or a load equal to the maximum capacity of other freight cars, the increased size making this possible, and at the same time providing sufficient space. The cars are mounted on the standard trucks of the road.

Effects of Temperature on Car Lubrication.

A great source of loss to railroad companies in the beginning of each winter, is the delay in changing the grade of lubricating oil for cars to suit low temperature. A high grade expensive oil is often the cheapest lubricant for bearings, but we do not think this is the case for car work, save in exceptional cases, but it is certainly always economical to use oil adapted for the prevailing temperature. Oil that assumes below the freezing point the consistency of tallow is more expensive than is generally supposed. Some time ago, experiments were tried on one of the leading railroads of using good lard oil in summer and the best of sperm oil in winter for freight-car bearings, special care being taken to see that the supply was regularly maintained. The number of cars that could be hauled by each engine was thus increased about ten per cent., and greater regularity of service was secured. The saving effected in cost of transportation was sufficient to pay double the total cost of oil used and extra labor employed. An approximation of this result might be reached in ordinary practice with the cheap oils used, if proper care were taken to keep them liquid at low temperatures. The principal source of loss from the use of oils unsuitable for low temperature, is the increased power needed to haul the cars, but other incidental and resulting expenses come in. It seems paradoxical to say so, but frozen lubricants cause a great deal of trouble from hot boxes and cut journals. When a train has been standing on a cold night long enough at a station for the oil to freeze hard



End Elevation.



Transverse Section.

and the lie of the track—a down grade for instance—is such that the train can be started into rapid motion quickly, there will almost certainly be some hot boxes to attend to at the next station. The cause of the trouble in a case of this kind is, that the journals begin to cut before the oil thaws out to give lubrication.

Competitive Tests of Automatic Freight Car Brakes.

The Master Car-Builders' Committee on Automatic Freight Car Brakes invite the manufacturers of such brakes to a competitive test to be held at Burlington, Iowa, on Dec. 14, 1885, and on May 14, 1886. The conditions of the test will be as follows:

1. Each brake company will furnish, fitted with its device, 50 twenty-eight or thirty-foot box cars of 40,000 pounds capacity, delivering the same to the committee free of charge at some point on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, on or before Dec. 7, 1885, and leaving them in the hands of the committee till after the trial of May, 1886.
2. The owners of the brakes will be responsible to the car owners for mileage made from December 1885 to May 1886. Between the trials, the equipment will be kept on the lines of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, and that company will be responsible for any damage occurring to it while on its lines, that come under the rules of the Master Car-Builders' Association.
3. The December tests will be made while the brake attachments are new and in good condition; no brakes will be allowed on the engine, and hand-brakes only on the tank. Mechanical appliances for operating the car brakes from the engine or tank, will be al-

lowed. The brakes must be fitted to both trucks, and with plain cast-iron shoes. Other details of the trials will be such as may be prescribed and agreed upon by the committee prior to the trial.

4. After the December trial, the brakes will be put into general service, receiving only ordinary repairs, a careful record of the cost of which will be kept. In May, 1886, the cars will be called in, and without being prepared for trial, the December tests will be repeated.

G. W. RHODES, Chairman.  
GEO. HACKNEY,  
BENJ. WELSH,  
JOHN S. LEVY,  
W. T. HILDRUP,  
Committee.

NOTE.—The committee will not provide equipment for these tests. Three or more competitors will be required before the tests will be entered into. Any brake company desiring to compete should at once communicate to the chairman of the committee.

THE recently finished passenger station of the London & Southwestern Railway, in London, is an immense structure of its kind. The area roofed in is 25 acres, and contains 15 platforms and 19 distinct lines of rails, making an aggregate length of four miles. The space occupied made it necessary to demolish 800 houses. It is over this railway with its 30 spur lines, that the traveler reaches the southern and southwestern counties, containing Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, etc.



## Combustion in Locomotive Fire-Boxes.

BY ANOUS SINCLAIR.

## Third Article.

## ENERGY IN ONE POUND OF COAL.

The heat, and therefore the potential, mechanical energy contained in one pound of good coal, or in a pound of the hydro-carbon products of coal, is enormous when burned by combination with pure oxygen; but under the conditions of ordinary fire-box combustion the available heat of the coal is greatly diminished. Most people, if asked which contains the greater amount of potential energy, a pound of gunpowder or a pound of coal, would think the question absurd, and assert that the gunpowder was certainly by far the most powerful. Yet a belief of that kind is a popular error.

As has been already mentioned, the chemical combination of one pound of carbon with its equivalent of oxygen liberates about 14,500 units of heat. A heat unit, or the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water, one degree Fahr., when applied to mechanical work, equal to raising 772 pounds one foot high. So 14,500  $\times$  772 is equal to 11,194,000 foot-pounds, and represents a force of over 54 horse-power.

## POWER OF COAL AND OF GUNPOWDER COMPARED.

One pound of charcoal combined with saltpetre to form gunpowder, will produce only about one-tenth the heat developed by the same weight burned in free oxygen. To quote Tyndall on the subject: "Saltpetre, or nitrate of potash, is formed by the combination of nitrogen, potassium and oxygen, one consequence of that combination being the generation of heat. To unlock the atomic embrace of the nitrogen, potassium and oxygen, an amount of heat must be expended equal to that generated by their union; and by this exact amount, the heat produced by combustion in saltpetre would fall short of that produced by combustion in free oxygen."

## CARELESSNESS AND IGNORANCE DIMINISH THE PRACTICAL VALUE OF COAL.

While this illustration may be useful to impress upon the mind the great power value of a pound of coal, it must be admitted that coal as used ordinarily in our locomotive fire-boxes, falls very far short of its theoretical efficiency. Various circumstances, many of them unavoidable, contribute to curtail the useful heat derived from coal; but it is undeniable that carelessness and ignorance are responsible for many of the losses that bring reproach upon the locomotive as a generator of power from coal.

## UNAVOIDABLE CAUSES OF WASTE OF HEAT.

The discrepancy between the theoretical and the actual value of a pound of coal seems alarming when the calculation is first made. It seems a most extraordinarily imperfect way of using fuel, when it takes from 2 pounds of oxygen per hour in the best steam engines up to about 10 pounds with inferior engines to produce one horse-power per hour, when there is  $\frac{1}{2}$  horse-power in a single pound of charcoal properly burned. A large percentage of the loss goes off in the exhaust steam and is not attributable to faults of the furnace or mismanagement of the fire. Other losses are inseparable from the system of transmitting the heat of coal into mechanical work through the medium of steam, for the gases of combustion must be passed into the atmosphere at a higher temperature than that of the water inside the boiler.

## GREATEST POSSIBLE WEIGHT OF WATER EVAPORATED PER POUND OF COAL.

When every heat unit in a pound of carbon is utilized and transferred to the water, one pound of fuel is capable of evaporating about 15 pounds of water, and one pound of carburetted hydrogen evaporates about 27 pounds of water. These figures give a little more than the total heat contained in the best coal, and they ought to be remembered by capitalists and others who are frequently requested to take stock in companies to build patent boilers represented as being capable of evaporating 40 or 50 pounds of water to the pound of coal.

## AIR REQUIRED FOR COMBUSTION.

The quantity of heat per pound of coal available for steam-making is considerably below the figures of maximum evaporative power, and depends to a great extent upon the means taken to prevent waste. Each pound of coal burned in a fire-box has to heat all the volume of air that passes in to supply the oxygen to sustain combustion, and so small proportion of the heat units is absorbed in this duty before any heat can be utilized for steam-making, and is carried away to the stack, owing to the profusion of the supply. Water is not the only kind of a fluid that tends to useless waste.

Each atom or 12 parts by weight of carbon in the coal, combines with 2 atoms or 32 parts by weight of oxygen, to form carbonic dioxide. In the case of the combustion, which is by so or put the figures in a more intelligible way, 1 pound of carbon requires 24 pounds of oxygen for its perfect combustion. As 4.35 pounds of air are required to furnish 1 pound of oxygen, we have  $4.35 \times 24 = 11.57$  pounds as the quantity of air that must pass into the fire-box for each pound of carbon consumed, even were the whole of the oxygen utilized in the perfect combustion, which is by no means the case. To obtain fairly complete combustion, the fire must be saturated with air, so that sufficient oxygen shall reach the carbon and hydrogen to permit of

chemical union. With the most favorable conditions of combustion in locomotive fire-boxes, with well-arranged draft appliances and good firing, it takes about 30 pounds of air per pound of coal consumed, to supply the oxygen required. Cool rich in hydrocarbons requires a little more air than anthracite coal, because each pound of hydrogen requires 8 pounds of oxygen and consequently  $4.35 \times 8 = 35.80$  pounds of air to the pound of hydrogen.

A pound of air at average atmospheric temperature and pressure, occupies about 13 cubic feet, so our locomotives would have to pass about 390 cubic feet of cool air through the fire-box for every pound of coal burned. An ordinary passenger locomotive burns about 25 pounds of coal per minute, so that about  $25 \times 260 = 6,500$  cubic feet of air have to be provided to the fire during that time.

To illustrate the necessity for means being taken to supply as nearly as possible the required quantity of air to the fire-box, a few more calculations must be given. As calculating the heat generated by a mixture of carbon and hydrogen combining with oxygen, is more complex than the calculation for carbon alone, and is likely to confuse the reader without adding materially to the knowledge of those who would comprehend the figures, I shall confine myself to working out an estimate of the heat available for steam-making, obtained from each pound of carbon in a locomotive fire-box. The figures so applied more correctly to an engine burning anthracite coal than to one burning bituminous coal, but the principles involved apply to both.

## SPECIFIC HEAT OF THE GASES.

As oxygen combines with the carbon of the coal, the extent of the rise of fire-box temperature that ensues will depend upon the weight of the combining gases and the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 pound by 1 degree Fahr., which quantity is termed the specific heat of the gas. Most readers will understand that gases have different degrees of specific heat, just as liquids and solids have. The difference between the specific heat of different gases is about as great as that between water and iron, where a quantity of heat sufficient to elevate the temperature of one pound of the former 1 degree is sufficient to raise the temperature of the latter about eight times as high.

## FIRE-BOX TEMPERATURE WITH DIFFERENT SUPPLIES OF AIR.

Taking 1 pound of carbon generating 14,500 heat units, and requiring 30 pounds of air for combustion, supposing complete combustion to take place, there are 31 pounds of mixed gases to be heated. Of these there are 34 pounds of carbonic acid gas, with a specific heat of .217, 94 pounds of nitrogen, with a specific heat of .244, and 8 pounds of atmospheric air, with a specific heat of .267. We have then  $3.7 \times .217 + 9.33 \times .244 + 8 \times .267 = 5.212$  units of the heat required to raise the temperature of the whole mixture by 1 degree Fahr., or 14,500  $\div$  5.212 = 2,780 degrees Fahr. is the elevation of temperature. The advantage of restraining the admission of air to the lowest possible point consistent with the full supply of oxygen, will be understood when it is stated that, with the admission of 12 pounds of air, the elevation of temperature would be 4,700 degrees Fahr. were it possible to supply sufficient oxygen for complete combustion from that quantity of air. There would really be no more heat generated, but it would be spread through a smaller volume, would tend to keep the fire-box temperature higher, and as the difference between the temperature of the water to be heated inside the boiler and the heating gases would be greater, the probability would be that more of the heat would be abstracted by the water.

## HEAT AVAILABLE FOR STEAM-MAKING.

All the heat in the fire-box liberated by the union of carbon and oxygen, and calculated in the last paragraph, is not, however, available for steam-making. When a boiler is carrying a steam pressure of 140 pounds, the temperature inside the boiler is 360 degrees Fahr. It is manifest that the gases of combustion which maintain the temperature of the boiler by imparting heat through the fire-box sheets and tubes, must pass out through the smoke-box at a higher temperature than that of the water inside the boiler. Owing to the high rate of speed at which the gases are drawn through the tubes of our American locomotives, the smoke-box temperature is generally very high, and 800 degrees Fahr. may be taken as a low average. Taking the temperature of the gases on entering the fire-box as 50 degrees Fahr., we have 750 degrees of heat that has been abstracted from the total heat of the furnace and passed out through the smoke stack. We found that it took 5.212 units of heat to raise the products of combustion 1 degree, and as 750 degrees have escaped into the atmosphere, we have  $750 \times 5.212 = 3,909$  heat units wasted, leaving  $14,500 - 3,909 = 10,591$  heat units as being available for steam-making.

## LOSSES DUE TO EXCESSIVE AIR SUPPLY.

Several indirect losses result from the practice of passing more air through the fire than is needed to effect complete combustion. The lower temperature maintained in the fire-box liberates less heat from a portion of the gases passing away without being ignited, and the large volume of the gases that has to pass through the tubes induces a high velocity of flow that permits insufficient time for

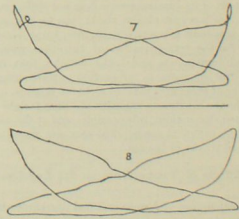
the heat to be absorbed while passing the heating surfaces. There is also a direct loss where a large volume of air is employed, even when the exhausted gases are at the same temperature as the escaping gases, over a case where a curtailed volume of air is supplied to the fire under proper conditions. Let us take two examples for calculation. When 12 pounds of air are admitted to consume 1 pound of coal, 13 pounds of gases pass into the stack at, say, 800 degrees, 750 degrees representing lost heat. In this case, 3,076 units would be the heat required to raise the temperature of the products of combustion 1 degree. So we have  $8,076 \times 1.000 = 2,807$  the heat units lost, and this deducted from 14,500 leaves 12,193 units available for generating steam. On the other hand, suppose 25 pounds of air are supplied for each pound of coal burned, which is quite a common supply among our small nozzle locomotives, 26 pounds of gases will be discharged into the stack at a temperature also of 800 degrees, 750 degrees to be lost. In this case it requires 6.5 units to raise the gases of combustion 1 degree. We have  $6.5 \times 750 = 4,875$  heat units lost for each pound of coal burned, or 2,568 heat units more than when 12 pounds of air were admitted to the fire. In practice, 12 pounds of air per pound of coal would not be an economical way of maintaining combustion, but the illustration may be useful.

I have entered into these details at considerable length because I am aware that serious misapprehension prevails in many quarters respecting the quantity of air needed for combustion in locomotive fire-boxes. Many mechanical men act on the assumption that too much air cannot be supplied to the fire so long as it is put in through the grate bars. When the truth becomes established and generally recognized that the supply of air ought to be regulated, even through the grates, convenient and proper means will be provided to regulate that supply, a matter which receives extremely little consideration at present.

## Effect of Hooking Down a High Speed Locomotive.

The fact is very well known among locomotive engineers that when a locomotive is running at a very high speed, with the reverse lever notched up to cut off very short, a decrease of speed will follow the dropping down of the lever a notch or two. The newspaper men who write stories about engineers getting up tremendous speed to meet some great emergency, always portray the man at the throttle as "hooking her down to the corner," although practical men are well aware that such a change would be a case of great hurry and little speed.

Although the fact is undeniable that hooking down a locomotive running at high speed leads to a reduction of speed, considerable diversity of opinion exists as to the cause of the slowing down. The writer has always held that it is due to excessive compression resulting from the large quantity of steam admitted to the cylinders. This view is strongly supported by indicator cards recently taken from a high speed locomotive belonging to the Philadelphia & Reading road, and published in the *Mechanical Engineer*.



By the courtesy of that paper we herewith insert two of the cards to illustrate the point in question. Card No. 8 shows an ordinary high speed diagram for a locomotive making 325 revolutions per minute, with 135 pounds boiler pressure, and cutting off at 5 inches—the stroke being 24 inches. Card No. 7, on the other hand, which was taken nearly the same speed and steam pressure as No. 8, shows an enormous back pressure and a small amount of power for the steam that was put into the cylinders. After the engine was running at a high speed, the reverse lever was dropped to cut off at 10 inches, and No. 7 diagram shows the distribution of steam under these conditions.

MR. D. BROCK, Superintendent of Transportation on the Missouri Pacific, is reported as saying that his opinion of the Eastern roads are fully ten years behind those of the West in the matter of appliances for lessening the cost of freight transportation. He had found automatic brakes that would stop a heavy train at the option of the engineer in one-third the time and distance that it could be done under similar conditions with hand-brakes and a crew of men. The meaning of which is that freight trains can be run at double their present speed if brakes can be had to control them, thus increasing the carrying capacity of the roads correspondingly.





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## DURABILITY OF AMERICAN LOCOMOTIVES.

A writer in the London Engineer recently, commenting on the condition of the locomotive building trade in Great Britain, remarked that, though engines of British make cost more than those made in America, the former were more durable than the latter and sold for more after they were worn out. As American locomotives are not built with a view to forming valuable scrap, they may, and they may not, be less valuable in that respect than engines made in Britain, and we do not care to waste time investigating the matter; but we do most decidedly take exception to the assertion that American locomotives are not equal in durability to those made in Britain. So far as the character of the material and of the work put upon the engines is concerned, we raise no question, for we are convinced that, as a rule, the locomotives made in both countries are first-class in every respect. But we have good reason for the belief that the flexible American locomotive is better adapted to endure hard service on any kind of track, good, bad or indifferent, than the more unyielding, though equally well built British engine. The most decisive test of an engine's durability is its capacity of performing long mileage without having to stop for repairs. A comparison of the mileage sheets of leading English and leading American railways indicates that the locomotives on British railways make only about two-thirds of the miles annually run by American engines. In South America and Australia, where in some cases American and English locomotives are used on the same roads, the credit of superior durability is nearly always awarded to the former engines, even by engineers whose training is calculated to prejudice them in favor of the English type of engine. The Grand Trunk, and other Canadian railways, started out with locomotives

built on the English plan, but experience has led the engineers in charge of the mechanical departments of these roads to adopt the American type of locomotive. These are facts which our contemporary will hardly venture to dispute.

Mechanical men who have given the subject attention do not require new statistics to convince them that the American locomotive is a wonderfully durable machine, considering the hard usage it is daily subjected to; but as others, who ought to be well informed, continue to remain ignorant about the work capabilities of the engine, we have collected a few facts that bear convincing testimony regarding the extraordinary durability of the locomotives turned out from American workshops. On April 23, 1883, engine No. 137, a passenger locomotive designed by Mr. A. B. Underhill, Superintendent of Motive Power, with cylinders 18 x 22 inches and driving wheels 66 inches diameter, was turned out of the Boston and Albany Railroad shops. After a few days of preliminary running on freight trains, this engine was put to running fast passenger trains, and up to August of this year had run 175,231 miles. From Mr. Colby, master mechanic at Boston, we learn that the regular run of this engine has been 200 miles per day on heavy fast-express trains until the last five months, when she has not run on Sundays. But even on a heavy run, the running time has been so scarce, this engine did extra running, as was the case in May last, when she made 10,910 miles, or an average of 353 per day. The engine is still in good order and will not be taken in for general repairs for some months. In doing this enormous amount of work, all the repairs effected on the engine besides the minor running repairs, was turning the driving wheel tires once and facing the valves once. The division were aware of the running time done is very crooked, and has curves of 10 degrees. In 37 miles an ascent of 893 feet is made, and in the next 41 miles the descent is 833 feet. The train, including engine and tender, generally weighed about 300 tons.

From Mr. Wooten, General Manager of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, we learn that their engine No. 44, built in 1857, has run 707,119 miles, or over 25,000 miles annually; engine No. 49, built in 1857, has run 750,705 miles, which is over 25,000 miles annually; engine No. 57, built in 1859, has run 676,574 miles; No. 58, built in 1859, has run 544,195 miles, or upward of 32,000 miles per annum; No. 76, built in 1863, has run 657,917 miles, or close on 30,000 miles annually; No. 142, built in 1865, has run 630,260 miles; and No. 113 has since 1883 made a monthly mileage of 6,647 miles. Most of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad engines are of Baldwin make, and all built within the last six years have the Western fire-box. Mr. T. N. Ely, General Superintendent of Motive Power of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has furnished us with many particulars bearing on the mileage made by passenger and freight engines on long and short runs on the main line and branches of the road, and covering about 60 per cent. of the whole number in service. Of the passenger locomotives, 65 made an average of 31,707 miles annually, and the engines have an average age of 13 years. The freight engines made an average of 22,821 miles. 349 locomotives were represented by the figures, the average age of these engines being 13 1/2 years. As an example of specially long mileage we may mention the case of engine No. 273, which, between September, 1875, and August, 1880, ran 251,532 miles and was not off her wheels during that time. During the months of June, July and August last, engine No. 1,047, on the Pittsburgh division, made 41,510 of a total mileage. In 1882, 72 passenger locomotives made an average of 45,936 miles each, the highest being 79,258 miles, the lowest 30,039 miles. In the same year, 175 freight locomotives made an average of 36,584 miles each, the highest mileage having been 58,711 miles, and the lowest 30,000 miles.

According to data received from Mr. H. Schlacks, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Illinois Central Railroad, we find that some old Rogers locomotives belonging to that road have performed a very extraordinary mileage since they were first built. No. 23, which Mr. Morris Sellers ran for some months thirty years ago, and did exceptionally hard service pulling grade to fill up the ground where many of the principal tracks at Chicago are now laid, was built in 1853, and has 1,029,965 miles of a running record, or over 32,000 miles per annum of exceptionally protected service. No. 25, built in 1854, has run 1,007,973 miles; No. 33, built in 1854, has run 1,015,488 miles. Of their recently-built engines, No. 221, put to work in 1880, ran 168,161 miles up to the end of August; No. 226, put to work in 1883, has run 82,437 miles to date, at an expense of 1.94 cents per mile for repairs. The oldest engines mentioned belonging to this company are still in service, and are in fair order. They might still be getting too light for ten years' more work, only that they are getting too light for the heavy trains now handled all over the road.

Mr. Wm. Buchanan, Superintendent of Motive Power of the New York Central road, has supplied us with figures showing the mileage of a few of his passenger engines. These engines have cylinders 17 x 24 inches, driving wheels 69 inches diameter, steel fire-boxes of the Buchanan pattern, and the working weight of an engine is about 85 tons. From July 1, 1884, to June, 1885, engine No. 12 ran 103,435 miles at an expense for repairs of 97 mills per mile; from

Oct. 1, 1883, to Dec. 1, 1884, engine No. 92 ran 103,435 miles at an expense for repairs of 97 mills per mile; from July 1, 1883, to Dec. 1, 1884, engine No. 84 ran 121,750 miles; from April 1, 1884, to June 1, 1885, engine No. 453 ran 105,135 miles; from Oct. 1, 1883, to April 1, 1885, engine No. 289 ran 140,546 miles; from Nov. 1, 1883, to Oct. 1, 1884, engine No. 338 ran 98,405 miles; from May 1, 1884, to July 1, 1885, engine No. 613 ran 118,256 miles. These figures are taken from thoroughly reliable records.

As it is almost impossible to obtain exact records of the work done and mileage made by American and British locomotives running on the same roads, the comparative durability of the two kinds of engines must continue to some extent to be a matter of uncertain speculation. But we would like to see figures given of mileage made by British locomotives that would compare with those we have quoted as being made by locomotives on leading American railroads.

## THE CAR COUPLER QUESTION.

The agitation of this question has reached a stage at which the outcome, as respects the choice of one or more devices for the purpose of securing practical uniformity on freight cars, is involved in very great uncertainty. The merits of quite a large number of couplers will continue to be canvassed with unabated vigor during the ensuing six months, at the end of which the Executive Committee of the Car-Builders' Association are expected to make a report upon the performance of the twelve that were selected at Buffalo for further trial in regular service. A new starting point, so to speak, will then be reached, but whether it will mark a forward or retrograde movement in respect to a final selection, can at present only be conjectured. In the mean time, it may be interesting, if not profitable, to briefly recapitulate what has been done since the Association began to take definite action, about a year and a half ago.

At the annual meeting at Saratoga, in June, 1884, the committee on the subject reported the names of sundry couplers, classifying them as "Worthy of Special Mention," and "Meritorious." After discussing the report, the Convention adopted a resolution recommending that "any railroads who may wish to experiment with those not belonging to the most mechanically perfect class—as the Janney or Cowell—to experiment with the Archer, Wilson & Walker, Ames, Conway-Ball, United States, Gifford and Mitchell."

The next event of importance in the selecting and weeding-out process, was the action of the Massachusetts Railroad Commissioners in September, 1884, in making trial-tests of a large number of couplers that had been tested in actual service, and in prescribing for use upon the railroads of that State, any one or all of the following devices, as the roads might elect, viz: The United States, Ames, Cowell, Janney and Hilliard. In December following, a meeting of the representatives of sixteen New England roads was held in Boston for the purpose of agreeing, if possible, upon some one of these five couplers to be used by all the roads represented. There were 56 votes, apportioned on the basis of the number of cars owned. After dropping from the list three of the couplers that had received the smallest number of votes during four ballots, and narrowing the choice to the Ames and Cowell, two ballots were taken upon these, each ballot resulting in a tie—22 to 22. The meeting then passed a resolution asking the Executive Committee of the Car-Builders' Association to devise means for calling a national convention of railroad men to agree upon "a single standard automatic freight car coupler for all the roads in the country."

The next attempt to bring about concerted action was a call for a special meeting of superintendents, general managers and railroad commissioners, to convene at Fortress Monroe, in June, 1885, to consider the subject in conjunction with the members of the Car Builder Association. The meeting was held, and after much fruitless discussion, the whole matter was referred to the Executive Committee, with power to arrange for a public trial of couplers at some central point. The committee took prompt action, resulting in the recent trial-tests at Buffalo, and the recommendation that the following named couplers be submitted to further tests in regular service on the roads, viz: The McKee, Perry, Archer, Gifford, Marks, Ames, Cowell, Dowling, Thurmond, Hotin, Janney, and Titus & Bassinger.

An analysis of the couplers of which favorable mention had previously been made, shows that 7 of the 12 selected at Buffalo had received no previous official recognition, and that 4 that were recognized at Saratoga, and 2 that were prescribed by the Massachusetts commissioners, were ignored in the Buffalo list. This don't look like narrowing the thing down to a single standard automatic freight car coupler. There is diffusion instead of concentration, and as the problem stands to-day, the ultimate selection of any one coupler, or a half-dozen or dozen for that matter, is hardly within the range of possibility. There is no clearly defined drift toward such a result, but, on the contrary, quite the reverse. There is too much friction and too little cohesion. We do not believe the Car-Builders' Association will ever agree to recommend a coupling device as a standard, or that the roads would voluntarily accept such a standard if it were recom-



mended. To do so would be to create something very like a monopoly. It would be a forced and unfair discrimination among a dozen or more devices equally meritorious, while many of those which would in such case be left out in the cold, have already been approved and adopted and are doing satisfactory work upon roads with large freight equipments. We need only refer to the United States, adopted as a standard on a half-dozen New England roads, the Gifford on the Erie, and the Ames on the continuous connecting lines between Boston and Chicago. It is possible to cast out and reject until a dozen or so remain unrejected, and this will be the number which will finally be left to undergo further reduction. Wait till next June and see what shape the matter will then assume in the report to be made by the Executive Committee, and if the Association can agree upon nothing in the way of specific recommendation, it will really seem that the only solution of the problem will be the survival of the fittest. This, in our judgment, will be the final outcome of this mighty movement for the protection and safety of train men, no matter what compulsory laws may be passed by Legislatures.

Under existing circumstances, the apparent certainty of legislative interference is the stimulating cause of the recent and present agitation. The Legislatures and Railroad Commissioners of this, that or the other State, in prescribing what couplers shall be used, make discriminations, which, in the nature of the case, will be more or less arbitrary, but there is just as much likelihood that they will be as unable to agree upon a universal coupler—which is the professed aim of the whole movement—as the railroad companies or the Car-Builders' Association are now. Local legislation will not bring it about, because the evil to be remedied is not local, but ramifies through all the network of a vast interchanging traffic. The Solons may legislate as the Grangers did, and hasten like them to undo their work as soon as they discover what a mess they have made of it. And here it may be suggested that the validity of such laws, whether State or national, is yet to be determined by the courts when the issue is duly brought before them. The draw-bars and couplers now in use on the 700,000 or more freight cars of the country, must needs be utilized in some way until they are worn out, and this makes it necessary that any devices prescribed by law should be such as to be operated with the most of those now in use.

Suppose all the existing draw-bars and coupling devices were to be annihilated in a moment of time, and that six months or a year could be given to the roads to agree upon a universal substitute with which to replace them, it is likely that any such agreement would be reached? We think not. The same influences, preferences and interests that now prevail, would conspire to frustrate, as they are now doing, such a desirable consummation.

#### DEAD WEIGHT.

At the September meeting of the New England Railroad Club, Mr. Adams, of the Boston & Albany road, spoke of a 54-foot passenger car designed by Mr. Chamberlain, which weighed only 36,000 pounds, trucks and all, seated 70 passengers, and after six years of service was without a defect. This, it must be admitted, is a pretty good showing as respects the relative proportions of dead and paying weight. A great many passenger cars that seat a less number of persons weigh a good deal more than this, taxing the motive power with hauling an unnecessary quantity of non-paying weight, and to that extent diminishing the revenue of the roads.

Dead weight, however, as respects both passenger and freight cars, receives much less attention now among railroad men than it did a dozen years ago. In fact, it has ceased to be a bugbear, not on the theory that it costs nothing to haul non-paying weight, but mainly because the cost was formerly very much overrated by being based upon the cost of hauling freight per ton per mile as reported by the various roads, and overlooking the fact that the cost of hauling cars and engines must necessarily be included in the cost of hauling freight, because it is impossible to haul the freight without taking the rolling stock along with it.

Not very long ago, an enthusiast for economy who was for eliminating every pound of superfluous weight from passenger cars, sent to one of the railroad journals a calculation in figures which seemed to him to settle the matter beyond all dispute. A certain railroad company had built some new passenger cars, each weighing 51,500 pounds and seating 63 passengers; the dead weight per passenger being 818 pounds. The standard passenger cars of another road not very far away, weighed at the same time 42,100 pounds each, and seated 78 passengers; the dead weight per passenger being 554 pounds. Taking these facts for his premises, the dead-weight enthusiast proceeded to reason from them in this wise: If the heavier car had been made enough heavier to carry 76 instead of 63 passengers, at the rate of 818 pounds of dead weight for each of the additional 13, its weight would then have been 62,160 pounds, or 10 tons more than that of the lighter car. The cost of hauling this excess of weight was then put at 9.8 cent per ton per

mile, which, on the total mileage of all the cars of its class on the road referred to, amounted to half a million dollars per year thrown away in hauling unnecessary dead weight. The rate, however, of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a cent per ton per mile as the cost of hauling the freight, including engines, cars and all, is a high estimate, some of the trunk lines reporting it at an average of  $\frac{1}{4}$  a cent and even lower. On this basis the actual cost of hauling the whole train, freight and all, would not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a cent per ton per mile, and under favorable conditions might be less than that even, thus lessening very materially the supposed cost of hauling the dead weight alone.

It must also be remembered that nearly 50 per cent. of the total operating expenses of a road is not affected at all by the relative proportions of dead and paying weight hauled, and that some of the other expenses that would seem to be directly affected, are only affected to a limited extent, and not in proportion to the dead weight. It costs something to haul this weight, of course, and there is a good deal of it in the better kinds of passenger cars in this country, and in first-class carriages on English roads, especially when in the latter case a lording or some course-round dignitary appropriates a whole compartment to himself. But if he pays three or four times as much fare as the common class of passengers, the excess may fairly be credited to dead weight. It must also be noted that light-weight cars, while they tax the motive power less than heavier ones, may, if their strength is diminished in proportion to their lightness, require a larger outlay for repairs and suffer more in the general run of accidents. The dead weight scare, we repeat, is no longer the frightful thing it was a dozen years ago.

#### SLEEPING CARS.

Since sleeping cars, some twenty years ago, became an established feature of the passenger equipment of our roads, they have been elaborated and perfected to such a degree that it may be asked if the Pullman, Wagner, Woodruff and Mann types, collectively, are not the *ne plus ultra*, beyond which there can be nothing more commodious, luxurious or better. In view of the service performed and the conditions attending it, as contrasted with that of highway automobiles, we should say that the margin for any further "blooming out" was not a very wide one. The merely ornamental details can, of course, be varied indefinitely, but so far as what is essential for comfort during a night ride is concerned, not very much more can be done.

The question, however, is not whether any thing more can be done in that direction, but whether sleeping cars, with all the substantial requirements of cleanliness and comfort, can not be provided at such reduced charges as to be acceptable to a large number of people who now prefer to ride in ordinary coaches rather than pay the extra \$2 for a berth in a sleeper. There is no denying the fact that sleeping cars, as they are now, are not popular with the masses. There are numerous objections of a minor sort, but the chief one is the charge for berths. The present ruling rate is considered excessive, a piling on of all the public will stand, and the excess is very naturally attributed to the lavish outlay for costly upholstery and a profusion of embellishment designed for mere display and to gratify snobbish tastes. It is argued that these extravagancies are not needed to enable one to catch a few hours' sleep on a well-constructed railroad car; and the reasoning is correct as regards people who want to travel cheaply, and are not over-fastidious about contact with other people for the time being. Very many, also, who see the thing in this light, know something about stock company organizations, and the regular payment of from eight to twelve per cent. dividends upon a capitalized basis of \$13,000 per car. This, so far as we know, applies only to the largest, oldest and most powerful of the sleeping car companies. It is no reproach to that or any other company to make fat dividends, but in this instance it shows that the cars charged very a very handsome and well sustained profit.

There are two very distinct classes of people who want sleeping accommodations in cars, namely: the great mass of well-to-do people, who travel mainly for business or pleasure, and do not mind paying for luxuries in car decoration and furnishing; and the class who prefer plainer and cheaper surroundings because they can not afford to pay for anything better. The number of those who constitute this latter class in this country is rapidly increasing, and sooner or later the railroad companies will have to consider the expediency of providing for their wants. Emigrant sleeping cars have been in use for several years, but they are for special and not for general service. The question which it will be for the interest of the roads to consider before a great while, is whether a style of cars less costly than the regular sleepers now in vogue, would be likely to attract a paying patronage, and at the same time not lessen the patronage of the present sleepers. How the plan would develop can not, of course, be determined in advance, but it would be less novel and experimental than were the Pullman sleepers twenty years ago. These, and the Wagner cars, have had a steadily increasing popularity, the Woodruff only less so, and the Mann cars, although a marked departure from their predecessors in their interior construction, and but recently

introduced in this country, are making steady progress in public appreciation.

Whether the cost of maintenance of a class of cars inferior to the Pullman and Wagner would be proportionately less may be questionable, but the difference, if any, is likely to be in favor of the cheaper and plainer cars. The first cost of such cars would at all events be considerably less, although it would not amount to a very large sum per passenger, when distributed over the whole life duration of the cars. The essential thing is to provide sleeping accommodations at reduced rates to people who object to the prices that are now charged, the roads at the same time deriving a profit from the service.

#### HOW COAL MIGHT BE SAVED.

The article on the coal premium system of the Pennsylvania Railroad which we print on another page gives a detailed and most interesting account of the best and most perfect premium system in use in America. The saving per engine does not appear very high compared with the coal used during the year anterior to the introduction of the system described, but it must be remembered that this premium system succeeded on which kept the engine-master to a far stricter account of his fuel savings, which is customary on other railroads. In considering the value of this premium system of coal accounts, it must be borne in mind that coal is much cheaper on the Pennsylvania Railroad system than it is on most other roads. The saving of \$250 per engine per year is for coal estimated as being worth \$1 per ton. Were the system applied on many Western roads in place of the existing arrangements which exercise practically no influence on the fuel savings, we are satisfied that \$1,000 per engine could easily be saved annually. That sum is small compared to the amount of money earned by the work of each locomotive, but the saving would be nearly sufficient to pay the expense of repairing the engines.

There is no question that the application of many mechanical devices to locomotives is calculated to effect a saving in fuel. Steam is not used so economically that less could not be made to do the work now done by a greater quantity, and there might be many improvements introduced that would reduce the temperature of the gases being passed into the atmosphere. Skill, ingenuity and perseverance are, however, required to apply the forms of improvement indicated, and great difference of opinion may rationally exist among accomplished mechanical engineers, as to the probable effect of structural changes proposed with the view of promoting economy of heat. But there ought to be no room for difference of opinion about the desirability of accomplishing saving, when all the changes to be effected are the introduction of the means of keeping an accurate record of fuel consumed. It is merely a slight change of method to keep the record of fuel consumed and work done by engines instead of engines, but the curtailment of waste that results from this change is by no means slight.

There is no line of economy in railroad management at the present day that promises results equal to that of stopping the rushing leaks resulting from senseless waste of fuel in locomotive firing. We know of no plan that will stop the leakage so effectually as the introduction of the premium system of coal accounts. Putting on traveling engineers well acquainted with the proper methods of firing and fuel-saving might do some good if these engineers would insist on their methods being followed. But it is an excessively difficult matter to get engineers to change the free and easy style they have been brought up to, and which takes no thought of any higher duty than that of getting over the road comfortably. The proper and only effectual mode of inspiring the engineers with zeal for fuel-saving is to make them pecuniarily interested in its results.

#### PROPOSED TESTS OF AUTOMATIC FREIGHT CAR BRAKES.

We publish elsewhere from the committee appointed by the Master Car-Builders' Association to investigate the subject of Freight Car Automatic Brakes, an invitation to the makers of brakes of that character, to submit their devices to a competitive test. The proposed method of performing the test would imply a very thorough and searching trial, not only of the efficiency of each brake when the whole apparatus is new, but of its capability to withstand the disabling ordeal of continued service. A test based on the ability of a brake to effect prompt stops when every part is new, or in first-class condition, and handled by experts, is likely to produce very different results from what would be obtained after the cars have been subjected to the bumping and jerking of long freight train service. This fact has evidently been recognized by the committee, and they have arranged for something very different from the preliminary test usually prescribed.

We are afraid, however, that some details of the prescribed conditions of tests may result in defeating the object of the committee by preventing the competition from taking place. Each competitor is required to equip 50 cars with his brake and send them to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road for five months of service. A competitive test will be held on Dec. 14, 1885, after which it is



proposed to put the cars into ordinary service and keep them going till May, 1886. The cars will then be collected and the tests repeated on the 14th of May without the brakes being repaired or in any way prepared for the trial. No brakes will be allowed on the engine, and only hand-brakes on the tender during the trial. There are really only two automatic brakes that have received extended application to service on freight trains, viz: the Westinghouse and the American, and the condition that prevents the use of a power brake on the engine, puts the American brake at such a disadvantage that the owners cannot be expected to accept the terms. The Roe brake labors under the same disadvantage as the American brake in this respect. The assertion has been repeatedly made that a train of 50 freight cars is too long to be handled successfully by the Westinghouse automatic brake, so it looks as if the conditions of test were hardly within the practical limit. We trust, however, that three or more brake companies may see their way to accept the conditions, for the trial would certainly demonstrate, by a process of the survival of the fittest, which brake is best adapted for freight service.

THE letters which we publish elsewhere from master mechanics on material used in the construction of boilers and fire-boxes, give a thoroughly reliable account of what our principal railroads are doing in the line of boiler and fire-box construction. Steel is now the metal that has most advocates, but good iron sheets are still popular with some mechanical men, and a few use copper for select purposes. In drawing out these interesting letters, we had no proselyting purpose to serve. We merely wished to obtain an authoritative account of the prevailing practice in boiler and fire-box construction, an object in which we have been successful. Men who prefer iron or copper plate to steel, are not likely to be deterred by these letters from following their choice, and we have no desire that they should be. We give them credit for having sufficient professional knowledge to enable them to judge what metal is best for the peculiar influences to which their boilers and fire-boxes are subjected.

#### Discontent at Pullman.

Reports in Chicago say that the Pullman Car Company came very near having a big strike on their hands in the beginning of October. Business is brightening all over the West, and in consequence wages are beginning to look upward, but the Pullman Company reversed the natural order of things by making a reduction of 10 per cent. on men who, through the operation of the contract system, were already doing work very cheaply. The necessity for this move on the part of the company was reported to be the low figures at which they secured the contract for building 35 passenger cars and 2,300 freight cars for the Chicago, Burlington & Northern Railroad—the new Minneapolis branch of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Competition for that order was very keen, and reports were freely circulated among car-builders in attendance at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on the day the contract was awarded, that the Pullman people would lose money on the work, even with their good facilities for production. No one dreamed that a reduction of wages would be made to save the company from loss. There is profound discontent among the men who have been reached by the reduction, and there is no doubt that they have been as free to act as the workmen employed by other corporations are, a strike would have occurred. The Pullman Car Company are wise in their generation when they hold control of the homes of their workmen. That hold is all powerful for good or for evil.

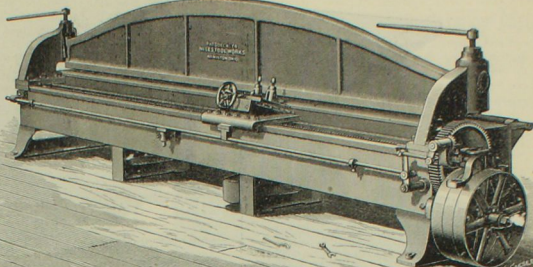
#### A Standard Height for Miller Draw-Bars.

To the Members of the Master Car-Builders' Association:  
At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Master Car-Builders' Association, held in Buffalo on Sept. 10, the undersigned were appointed a committee to make a report to the association, at its next annual convention, of the proper height of Miller draw-bars.  
In order to report properly upon the subject, the committee desire to know what different heights are in use and have been adopted upon different roads of the country. To assist the committee in obtaining this information, will you fill in the answers to the questions asked below, and forward the same to the chairman of the committee at Pickerton, Carbon County, Penn.  
1. Do you use Miller draw-bars upon the cars run in your passenger equipment?  
2. If yes, will you please state how many cars you have which are so equipped?  
3. Please also state what is the standard height of these draw-bars as adopted by you, measured from the level of the top of rail to the center of the Miller hook.

JOHN N. LESTY,  
ROBERT McKENNA,  
Committee.

OCT. 30, 1885.

MR. F. F. HEMENWAY, of the *American Machinist*, is going to publish in book form the series of articles on the "Indicator Diagram" from his pen, which appeared during the last year or two in the paper he is connected with, and attracted much admiring attention from mechanical engineers. Messrs. John Wiley & Sons are publishing the book, and are getting out an entirely new set of cuts for the diagrams and other illustrations. We are content in saying that this will be the best book on the indicator that has appeared since Porter's book was published. A new work of this character is needed to illustrate modern steam engine practice, and we do not believe there is an engineer in America better qualified than Mr. Hemenway to prepare a book of the kind.



A NEW PLATE-PLANING MACHINE.

THE engraving illustrates an almost indispensable machine for a well equipped modern boiler shop.

Chipping the edges of plates by hand has got to be an antiquated method, slow and tedious, and the work is not nearly as satisfactory as when done by a plate planing machine. This machine will make a true and straight bevel, and the work is done in less time. The modern plate planer is arranged to take cuts in each direction, so that the cut is continuous and not intermittent as with ordinary planers.

A planed sheet is much better in every respect than one chipped by hand or cut by a level shear. The latter leaves the edges so ragged as to be worse than left square. The plate planer levels the edge and squares up a narrow calking surface.

The machine is arranged to plane sheets 14 to 16 feet long, at one setting, and any length by resetting. The housings are gapped to allow the sheet to be moved endwise for this purpose. There are two independent tools on the saddle, and the cut is taken in both directions. The saddle is carried by a large steel screw, supported at the center to prevent sag or deflection.

The plate is held by a heavy and substantial clamping-bar, held by a screw at each end only. This bar takes the strain of the work and is a substantial casting. The clamping is done very quickly and securely. Brackets project out from the back of the bed, carrying rollers for supporting the plate and facilitating the handling.

The machine throughout is very substantial. It is built from new designs and patterns by the Niles Tool Works, of Hamilton, O.

#### New Publications.

THE SCIENCE OF BUSINESS. A Study of the Principles Controlling the Laws of Exchange. By Frederick H. Smith, New York. G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price, \$1.25.

This book belongs to the "Questions of the Day" series of the publishers, and is in some respects a curious production, but is withal very interesting and highly instructive. It is a philosophical investigation of business phenomena wherein the constant rising and falling of commercial activity, the never ceasing fluctuations in the world of traffic are attributed to entirely original causes. The book is divided into two parts. Part first consists of two chapters, one on the Direction of Motion, the other on the Rhythm of Motion. These chapters form the text on which the remaining portion of the discourse is written. The author accepts Mr. Spencer's dictum, "Motion takes the line of least resistance or of the greatest traction, or of their resultant," and produces numerous facts to support the correctness of the law of the direction of motion as stated. "The rhythm of motion" represents that all creation animate and inanimate constantly pulsating, that up and down is succession is the absolute law of the universe. Shakespeare's line,

"There is a tide in the affairs of men,"

is accepted as a fact rather than as a poetic fancy, and the movements of this tide are said to extend from the remotest particle of matter to the control of the heavenly bodies. The sum of the position taken is, that rest is nowhere; that wherever we find motion, that motion is in the line of least resistance or of greatest traction, or of their resultant, and that motion always is rhythmic.

Applying the laws that regulate these phenomena to ordinary business, the author finds that every resulting operation consists of a series of fluctuating movements. A man is active and inactive, weak, strong and weak again, and all his business transactions partake of his own condition. Communities are merely enlarged individuals, and their condition is similar to that of the single man, but increased according to the size and activity of the body represented. Considering the business of a community as a whole made up of innumerable motions, diversified and intricate, the conclusion is that the general movement of business in that community must be along the line of the least resistance, and as motion can not take place in one direction forever, there is constant reversal of motion between limits, or a rhythm. This theory of the motion of business the author supports by well-arranged facts relating to trade movements. By numerous diagrams drawn from the most reliable statistics, he shows that years of extreme depression are separated from each other by a period of from ten to eleven years. In this relation he shows that the condition of the iron trade very closely represents the condition of all other American industries. Solving the history of the country the history of the iron trade, and civilization as we know it to-day would not be possible. The intervals that separate periods of high or low prices in this trade are nearly uniform, and they have gone up

and down at nearly the same rate, in times of peace and times of war, times of plenty and times of famine, with a regularity that seems to scorn the influences usually believed to control business. Our limited space prevents us from going more into the subject, or even glancing at the succeeding chapters on railroads, stocks, foreign trade, etc. The book is very readable and contains many important facts bearing directly upon matters of business that all men are interested in. The literary style, although very unpretentious, reminds us strongly at times of Smith's "Wealth of Nations."

*Sechrist's Hand-Book and Railway Equipment and Mileage Guide.*—This well arranged and well printed manual is deserving of wide appreciation among railway men, but more especially by those in charge of the departments of car records. It contains lists of the passenger and freight equipment of all the roads in the country, with the numbers, dimensions, capacity, etc., of freight cars, the marks and equipment of freight lines and private car companies, and all information which is needed in making up, reporting and settling car mileage accounts. The October number contains 156 pages (9x12) which is a considerable increase in size since the earlier issues. The usefulness of such a hand-book depends, of course, upon its correctness, and to secure this indispensable feature requires persevering labor and the co-operation of hundreds of roads. That the work in this respect is successful, is evident from the fact that it meets the unqualified approval of the Car Accountants' Association, by which it has been officially indorsed and recommended. A report of a committee to that effect having been unanimously adopted at the annual convention of the association at Minneapolis in June last. It is issued monthly, at Cleveland, Ohio, by S. P. Sechrist.

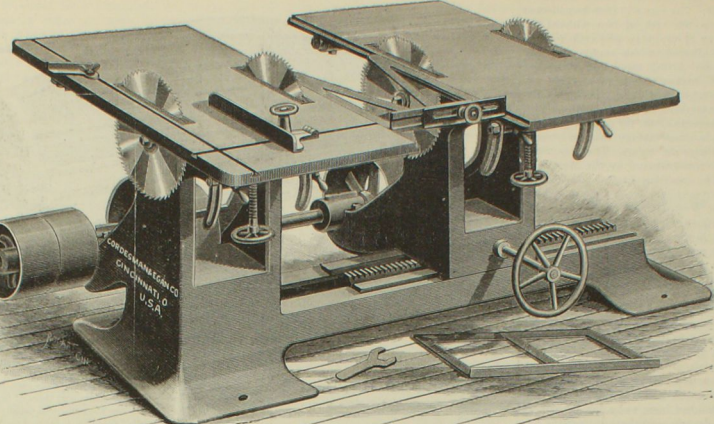
*Pocket Companion, Showing the Use of Wrought Iron on Railway Cars.*—This is the title of a handsomely bound and illustrated volume of 163 pages just issued by Wilson, Walker & Co., Limited, of Pittsburgh, Pa. It contains engravings of a great variety of wrought-iron work used in car construction, embracing draw-bars, body-bolsters, equalizers, arch-bars, follower-planks, coupling links and pins, and other specialties of the manufacture of this firm. Specifications are given of material and tests of new bar iron and steel axles, and much other information relative to the improved processes and methods of the company in the manufacture of wrought iron attachments and appliances. Some 70 pages of the volume are devoted to "Useful Information" in reference to weights, dimensions, strength, etc., of various forms of iron and other metals, and many other things which will be appreciated by every mechanic, and which can readily be referred to by means of a complete index.

*Free Niagara.*—Under this title, Matthews, Northrup & Co., Buffalo, N. Y., have published a handsomely got up pamphlet to supply information about Niagara under its emancipation to travelers and others interested in the wonderful cataraict. The work tells the story of the gradual decline of Niagara Falls as a visitor's resort, owing to the blackened level at every point within sight of the falls, and then traces the history of the movement that succeeded in making the surroundings of the falls a state reservation. The pamphlet is beautifully printed and illustrated, the mechanical and artistic work being of a character that would be creditable to any metropolitan printing and engraving house. It is for sale at the Buffalo Express office, price 30 cents.

The *Exmes Vacuum Brake Co.*, of Watertown, N. Y., have published a superbly illustrated descriptive catalogue showing every detail of this style of brake, and explaining its operation, both as a plain brake, with no automatic action independent of the engineer, or as operated in conjunction with vacuum cylinders beneath the cars, by which means it can be applied or released from any part of the train as well as from the engine. The apparatus, in its simplest application, is called the "Parker" brake, and is much quicker and more effective in its operation, when a train breaks in two. This improved feature of the device was patented in 1881. Several forms of locomotive driver-brakes, manufactured by the company, are also shown in the plates, and are fully described.

The *Egan Company*, of Cincinnati, manufacturers of wood working machinery, have issued a new and comprehensive illustrated catalogue of their machines, all of which are of the latest designs and have many new points of advantage and convenience. The increased facilities of the company enable them to fit out at short notice any kind of wood-working establishment, with a full complement of machinery of their own manufacture. Their catalogue will be furnished, and special prices quoted, to parties on application.





IMPROVED IRON FRAME DOUBLE CUT-OFF SAW.

The engraving represents a machine recently introduced by The Egan Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio, and designed for use in furniture, carriage and car factories, or wherever a large number of pieces are required to be cut to the same length. The work that can be done on the machine ranges from 4 inches to 6½ feet in length. The changes for different lengths are very easily and quickly made, the space between the two tables being bridged over by an adjustable sliding fence. The tables can be raised up out of the way when it is necessary to take off saws. Every part is arranged for the convenience of the operator. When the inner saws are being used for cutting short pieces, the outer ones can be used for ripping, mitring, etc.

#### Master Car-Builders' Club.

The subjects to be discussed at the ensuing meetings of the club are announced to be as follows:

November: Rules of Interchange.  
December: Car Wheels, and Fitting of Same to Axles.  
January: The Subjects to be Discussed at the Next Annual Meeting of the Master Car Builders' Association.  
February: Repairs of Cars by Contract.  
March: Questions to be submitted for fifteen minutes' discussion by each member.

#### Railway Master Mechanics' Association.

The following are the subjects for discussion, and the committees appointed to report thereon, at the annual meeting to be held in Boston, June, 1886:

*Improvement in Boiler Construction:* Geo. W. Stevens, Wm. Fuller, T. J. Hatawell.  
*Standard Driving-Wheel Centers and Standard Section of Tire:* J. N. Lander, Jacob Johann, H. N. Sprague.  
*Driving-Wheel Brakes:* To what extent is their use advisable, and Best Method of Application: J. Davis Barnett, H. A. Whitney, F. M. Wilder.  
*Balance Slide Valves:* Charles Blackwell, James Mehan, E. M. Roberts.  
*Best Material and Form of Construction for Locomotive Guides and Cross-Heads:* A. J. Cronwell, William Swanson, A. Beckert.  
*Best Plan for Removing, Cleaning and Resetting Flues:* Clem. Hackney, A. W. Sullivan, G. H. Prescott.  
*Shop Tools and Machinery:* D. A. Wightman, A. J. Pitkin, F. B. Miles.  
*Hammer-Blow Tests of Locomotives:* William Woodcock, Thos. L. Chapman, Coleman Sellers, Angus Sinclair, F. W. Dean.  
*Papers to be read by two Associate Members, viz.:* Robert Grimshaw, John A. Coleman.  
*Boston Evad. Printing and General Supervisory Committee:* J. D. Barnett, William Woodcock, Jacob Johann, Geo. Richards, J. H. Setchel.  
*Standing Committee on Subjects:* James M. Boon, T. B. Twombly, Charles Blackwell.  
*Committee of Arrangements for Nineteenth Annual Meeting:* J. N. Lander, Geo. Richards, H. L. Leach.

The Pennsylvania Steel Co. have got out a new magnetic-electric signal for the protection of road crossings in districts where it is not thought necessary to keep a man for the purpose. The mechanism of the signal is put in action by an approaching train, and rings a double gong at the crossing which gives audible warning. The apparatus is very simple, and is likely to be effective. A modification of this signal would be very useful at railroad grade crossings in places where no signalman is kept. We know crossings of this kind out in the woods, where the only way of finding out if a train is approaching on the other road, is to stop and send a brakeman forward to look along the bisecting line. In certain conditions of the weather there is a strong temptation to dispense with this unpleasant duty, and accidents frequently occur after trains have followed the rule of stopping 500 feet short of the crossing.

A CIRCULAR has been issued by the United States Interior Department, saying that as 60 per cent. reduction of area in 70,000 pounds tensile strength steel virtually prevents makers from producing steel that will fulfill the requirement, the reduction of area required is modified. The reduction of area required for 70,000 pounds tensile strength boiler steel is now made 40 per cent.; of 65,000 pounds tensile strength steel, 50 per cent., and of 60,000 pounds tensile strength steel 55 per cent.

The latest railroad invention is the arrangement of a telescoping frame of tubes running from buffer to buffer on cars. If a collision takes place these tubes gradually increase their resistance to the end of the train; the force of the blow is soon expended, and there are no splintered cars and no cars off the track. Experimentally, a train with this equipment attached was started down a steep grade and struck the stop-block without a particle of injury, the train coming gradually to a stop.

We have received some remarkably good indicator diagrams from the locomotive which Mr. Mitchell, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, recently conducted with the Strong valve-motion, illustrated as a part of the article on Radial Gears in our last issue. The diagrams were taken on up grades varying from 40 to 96 feet to the mile, at speeds of from 30 to 45 miles an hour while the engine was pulling 5 tons. They show an excellent distribution of steam, and at the highest velocity, while climbing the mountain, the engine gives a large card with little back pressure and a very small amount of compression. Steam can be cut off at 3 inches, or permitted to follow to 30 inches, the exhaust being worked at full stroke all the time. A single nozzle 6-inch diameter is used, and the engine steams very freely under all conditions of work with the fire door partly open.

FOUR consolidation locomotives, designed by Mr. R. D. Wade, Superintendent of Motive Power of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, and recently built for the road by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, are exceedingly heavy and powerful engines. When ready for work they weigh over 35 tons. They stand very high, and have a deep fire-box above the frames. The cylinders are 20 x 24 inches, and the driving wheels 50 inches diameter, the wheel base being 21 feet 6 inches. The boiler is straight, 58 inches diameter, and the fire-box crown is bound to the shell by radial stays 1 inch diameter. The fire-box is 8 feet 6 inches long by 4½ inches wide, and the depth varies from 6½ to 5½ inches. With a mean effective pressure of 100 pounds, which this engine ought to approach when working up to her full capacity, she will be capable of exerting a tractive force of 19,200 pounds.

A MASTER MECHANIC of wide experience, and one of the most successful mechanical men in the country, insists that the first requisite for doing work cheaply and promptly, is good modern tools. He thinks numerous railroad companies adopt a most expensive policy by keeping worn-out tools out of the scrap heap, and by failing to provide their machine shops with new labor-saving appliances. To keep 100 locomotives in fair running shape, he calculates that the shop should have at least the following tools: 4, 16 or 18-inch lathes; 136-inch lathe for packing, etc.; 148-inch lathe for driving boxes, small tires, etc.; 1 wheel lathe; 2 10-inch lathes or 1 Fox lathe; 2 shapers; 1 8-foot planer; 1 planer large enough for frames; 1 universal radial drill; 2 Post drills; 1 milling machine; and 2 slotting machines. He recommends that a full set of small tools be bought from standard makers. That is much more economical than getting just enough to start with, and then making inferior tools in the shop at high cost.

Over 230 locomotives belonging to the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway, 211 were doing work during the month of August, and they made an average mileage per engine of 3,385 miles. The engines made 32.09 miles to the ton of coal, and 19.09 miles to the pint of oil. Repairs cost 3.27 cents; oil and waste, .33 cent; coal and wood, 3.27 cents; engineers and firemen, 5.51 cents; and dispatchers and cleaners, .31 cent; making a total cost of 12.79 cents per engine mile, which is a very good record. Mr. W. F. Turf, General Master Mechanic, deserves credit for the work done, especially considering the fact that his facilities for doing work are very imperfect in the crowded quarters occupied by the shops.

The United States Rocking Grate Bar Co., of Chicago, have sold to the City Steam Flouring Mills, Goulding, New South Wales, a full equipment of grates for their boilers. This grate is a Chicago invention, and is owned and made in that city. The company have also shipped grates recently to New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco and Dakota Territory.

#### Our Directory.

We note the following changes since our last issue. Our readers will do us a great favor by giving us prompt notice of such changes that may come to their knowledge or of any errors that may be noticed in our list:

*Atlantic & Pacific.*—Jas. G. McCuen has been appointed Superintendent of Motive Power and Machinery, vice Geo. F. Chandler, resigned.

*Boston & Lowell.*—George E. Shepard is appointed Purchasing Agent in place of F. H. Nourse, resigned.

*Canadian Pacific.*—This company having obtained control and possession of the North Shore Railway (Can.), that line will hereafter be operated as the Quebec Division, of which A. Davis is General Superintendent.

*Chicago & West Michigan.*—George C. Watrous is appointed Superintendent of Motive Power and Rolling Stock. The position of Master Mechanic is abolished.

*Delaware & Hudson Canal Co.*—H. G. Young has been appointed General Manager, vice C. F. Young, resigned. J. White Sprong has been appointed Comptroller and Purchasing Agent of the Northern Railroad Department. C. D. Hammond has been appointed Superintendent of the Saratoga and Champlain Divisions, and the several divisions composing the Northern R. R. department.

*Detroit, Lansing & Northern.*—George C. Watrous is appointed Superintendent of Motive Power and Rolling Stock. The office of Master Mechanic and Master Car-Builders is abolished.

*Indianapolis & Vincennes.*—M. W. Mansfield has been appointed Superintendent.

*Louisville & Nashville.*—J. A. Harrahan succeeds Reuben Wells as General Manager, the latter having been appointed 2d Assistant to the President of the Co.

*Memphis & Little Rock.*—H. G. Fleming, late Superintendent of the Memphis & Little Rock, has been appointed Superintendent of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Division, succeeding William Kerrigan, promoted to be General Superintendent of the whole Missouri Pacific system.

*New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio.*—W. M. Clements, formerly of the Baltimore & Ohio, has been appointed General Superintendent, to succeed Charles Faine, elected Vice-President of the New York, Lake Erie & Western.

*Old Colony.*—L. N. Marshall has been appointed Superintendent of the Northern Division in place of S. A. Webber, resigned.

*Pennsylvania Company.*—James McCrea has been appointed General Manager of all the lines operated by this company, with office in Pittsburgh. W. A. Baldwin will remain, as heretofore, Manager of the company's lines.

*Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis and Chicago, St. Louis & Pittsburgh.*—John F. Miller has been appointed General Superintendent of these lines. J. J. Turner succeeds Mr. Miller as Superintendent of these Divisions of the Pennsylvania Company's lines.

*St. Louis, Hannibal & Keokuk.*—W. L. Brokaw has been appointed Master Mechanic.

*South Florida.*—A. B. Allen, formerly of the Burlington & Southwestern, has been appointed Master Car-Builders.

*Texas & St. Louis.*—J. W. Dickinson has been appointed Superintendent of Texas Division, vice Harry Flanders, resigned.



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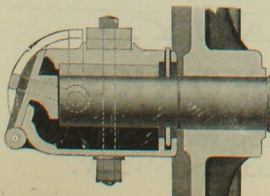
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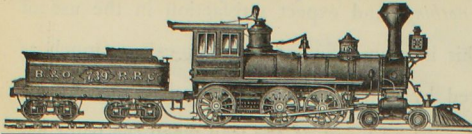
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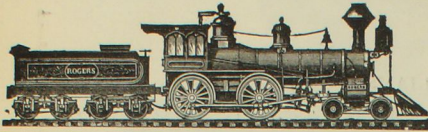


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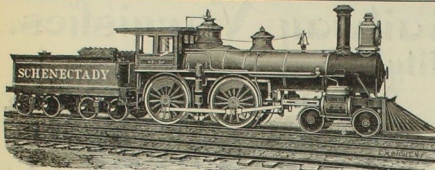
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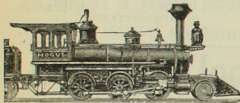
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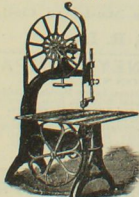
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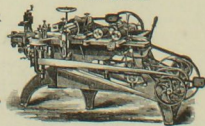
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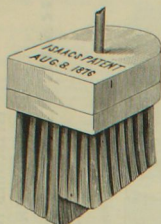
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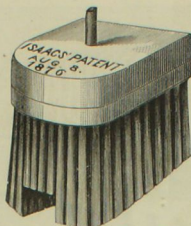
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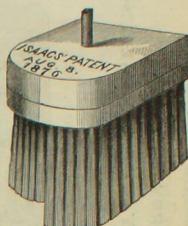
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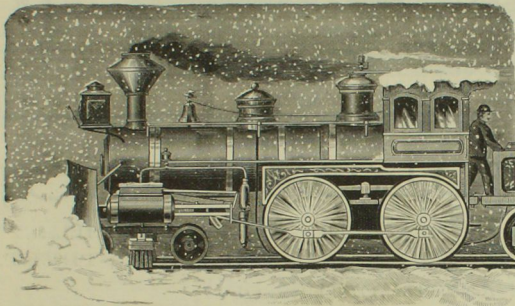
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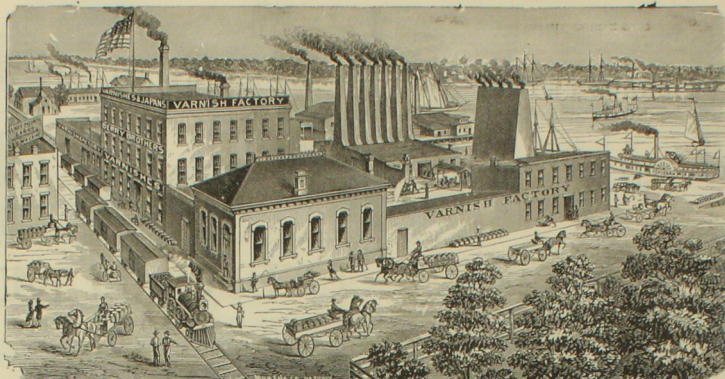
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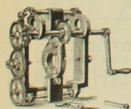
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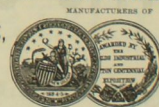
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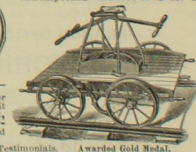
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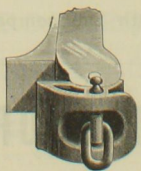
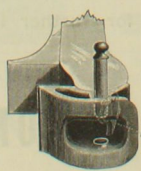
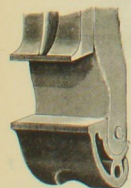
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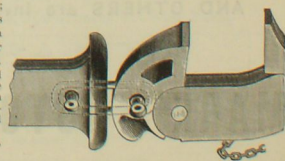
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Paville & Brinkley R. H. 3-4 g. 40 m. 3 lo. 4 c.  
R. W. Martin, Pres. Little Rock, Ark.  
Jas. Harrington, Gen. Supr. Little Rock, Ark.  
John White, M. C. H. Brinkley, Ark.  
Allen Wood, Dep't R. H. Hammond, Ark.  
Houge, Gross & Opelousas R. N. Y.

D. C. Montana, <i>Gen. Supt.</i> .....	Port Allen, La.	
D. & H. Bloomfield, <i>Gen. Supt.</i> .....	Port Allen, La.	
Jas. W. Kennedy, <i>Asst. Supt. &amp; Pur. Agt.</i> .....	80 cars.	
Appt. John Thumser, <i>M. C. B.</i> .....	Bedford, Ind.	
Jas. Richards, <i>M. C. B.</i> .....	Bedford, Ind.	
J. J. Zanesville & Cin. Ry. Co. 3 g. 112 m. 5 lo. 71.		
G. C. Mooney, <i>Pres. &amp; Gen. Man.</i> Woodsfield, O.		
G. Cap R. R.	Zanesville, O.	
G. & C. Ford, <i>Supt. &amp; Pur. Agt.</i> .....	5 lo. 148 cars.	
R. Geo. Van Brunt, <i>M. C. B.</i> .....	Bellwood, Pa.	
R. Zimmerman, <i>M. C. B.</i> .....	Bellwood, Pa.	
W. P. Hams, <i>Supt.</i> .....	4-83 g. 12 m. 10 lo.	
	Indianapolis, Tr.	

Bell Ry. 4-8½ g. 27 m.  
 Jay D. Carson, Gen. Man. Chicago, Ill.  
 W. Johnson, M. M. Chicago, Ill.  
 Bennington & Glastonbury. 4-10 m.  
 R. C. Root, Pres. Bennington, Vt.  
 Bennington & Rutland Rty. 4-8½ g. 50 m. 10 lo. 23d.  
 E. D. Bennett, Supt. & Pur. Agt. Bennington, Vt.  
 Oneas, McMasters, M. M. Rutland, Vt.  
 Berlin Branch R. R. 4-10 m. 10 lo. 23d. *Golf.*  
 Bladen, Columbus & Florida. 4-8½ g. 10 m. 21 lo.  
 John Colville, Pres. Wilmington, N. C.  
 Bodie & Benton Ry. & Com. Co. 3 g. 34 miles.  
 H. H. Holt, Supt. & Pur. Agt. Bodie, Cal.  
 E. H. Barton, M. M. Bodie, Cal.  
 Boston, Harre & Gardner. 4-8½ g. 37 m. 8 lo. 10 m.  
 Supt. & P. A. Worcester, Mass.  
 Frank I. Goodwin, M. M. Worcester, Mass.

Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & W'n Ry.  
 H. L. Merrill, Gen. Supt. . . . . Saratoga Springs, N. Y.  
 C. H. Cory, *Pres. Agt.* . . . . Mechanicsville, N. Y.  
 C. H. Cory, *Supt. & M. M.* Mechanicsville, N. Y.  
 C. H. Cory, *Pres. Agt.* . . . . Mechanicsville, N. Y.  
 Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn . . . . . Mechanicsville, N. Y.  
 C. A. Hammond, *Supt. & P. Agt.* Boston, Mass.  
 C. A. Sutherland, *M. M.* . . . . Boston, Mass.  
 John W. Leland, *Gen. Supt.* . . . . Boston, Mass.  
 Boston, Winthrop & Point Shirley R. R.  
 3 g. 10 m. 1 lo. 8 c. . . . . Boston, Mass.  
 C. A. Parks, *Supt.* . . . . Winthrop, Mass.  
 J. W. Davis, *M. M.* . . . . Winthrop, Mass.  
 Boston & Albany R.R. 4-8 g. 372 m. 245 lo. 6 c.  
 W. H. Barnes, *Gen. Man.* . . . . Boston, Mass.  
 P. A. Cragg, *Pres. Agt.* . . . . Springfield, Mass.  
 F. B. Underhill, *Gen. Supt.* . . . . Springfield, Mass.  
 A. D. Adams, *Gen. M. C. B.* . . . . Allston, Mass.

J. T. Chamberlain, <i>For. C. Shop</i>	Allston, Mass.
H. C. Chubb, <i>Die. Supt.</i>	Boston, Mass.
H. C. Chubb, <i>Die. Supt.</i>	Boston, Mass.
C. E. Grover, <i>Die. Supt.</i>	Springfield, Mass.
H. W. Eddy, <i>Die. M.</i>	Springfield, Mass.
H. W. Eddy, <i>Die. M.</i>	Springfield, Mass.
W. H. Russell, <i>For. Car Sh.</i>	Springfield, Mass.
R. B. Purvis, <i>Die. M.</i>	East Albany, N. Y.
J. E. Doran, <i>For. Car Sh.</i>	East Albany, N. Y.
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S. C. Mellen, <i>Gen. Supt.</i>	Boston, Mass.
Geo. E. Shepard, <i>For. Agt.</i>	Boston, Mass.
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So. Div. J. F. Crockett, <i>Supt.</i>	Concord, N. H.
H. S. J. Kolsteth, <i>Supt.</i>	Boston, Mass.
No. Div. G. A. Todd, <i>Supt.</i>	Concord, N. H.
Geo. E. Shepard, <i>For. Agt.</i>	Concord, N. H.
C. C. Aspinwall, <i>M. M.</i>	Concord, N. H.

Wb. Mt. Dix: W. A. Stowell, *Supt.* Woodville, N. H.  
Geo. A. Ferguson, *M. M.* Lake Village, N. H.  
J. T. Furber, *Gen. Mgr.* 491 m. 203 to 4,000  
G. C. Fisher, *Pres. Apt.* 2000, Boston, Mass.  
Wm. Smith, *Supt. P. R.* Boston, Mass.  
West. Div: Wm. Merritt, *Jr.* Lawrence, Mass.  
East. Div: D. W. Sanborn, *Supt.* Boston, Mass.  
North:  
W. Saaborn, *Supt.* Walboro June, N. H.  
Boston & N. Y. Air Line R.R. (*See N. Y. N. H. & H.*)  
Providence & R.R. 4.844 g. 6 m. 52 to 1,000 c.  
Geo. Richmond, *Gen. Supt. & P. A.* Boston, Mass.  
Jno. Lightner, *M. C. B.* Roxbury, Mass.  
Bowling Green & Toledo R.R. 4.844 g. 6 m. 2 lo. a. c.  
Wm. A. Wiggin, *Gen. Man.* Bowling Green, O.

Ford, Bordell & Kinzua B. *Ag.* 3.54 m. 0.82 c.  
 Bradford, Eddell & Cuba. *Ag.* 3.54 m. 0.1 138 c.  
 Tonawanda Valley & Cuba. *Ag.* 3.00 m. 0.5 31 c.  
 J. J. Delaney, M. M. C. & C. Attica, N. Y.  
 Attitash, N. Y. *Ag.* 3.36 m. 0.1 138 c.  
 Attitash & Whitehall R. R. *Ag.* 3.36 m. 0.3 50 c.  
*(Operated by Central Vermont.)*  
 Eddell & Cuba River. *Ag.* 3.20 m. 2.30 19 c.  
 Wm. F. Perry, Gen. Sup. *Ag.* 3.20 m. 2.30 19 c.  
 M. M. Caswell, M. M. C. & Pur. Agt. Bridgton, Me.  
 Meigs River. *Ag.* 3.37 m. 4.0 133 c.  
 J. A. R. Worth, Sup. *Ag.* 3.37 m. 4.0 133 c.  
 P. M. Buckingham, Pur. Agt. Richmond, Va.  
 A. Gary, Sup. *Ag.* 3.41 m. 0.3 36 c.  
 Ed. M. Smith, Gen. Sup. *Ag.* 3.41 m. 0.3 36 c.  
 Oaklyn, Bath & Coney Island R. R. *Ag.* 3.41 m. 0.3 36 c.  
 Chesler, Va.  
 Chesler, Va. *Ag.* 3.41 m. 7.8 10 36 c.  
 Geo. A. Gunther, Gen. Man. *Ag.* 3.41 m. 7.8 10 36 c.  
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

...oklyn, Flatbush & Coned. ... Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 4-8 1/2 g. 8 m. 8 lo. 54 c.  
 J. L. Morrow, Supt. of P. A., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 ... Brooklyn & Rockaway Beach R.R., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 4-8 1/2 g. 3 m. 2 lo. 18 cars.  
 Wm. Warner, Supt., ... East New York, N. Y.  
 ... New York R.R., ... 172 m. 13 lo. 170 c.  
 A. A. Gaddis, Gen. Man., ...  
 T. K. Nientengale, Prop. Agt., ... Brunswick, G.  
 W. R. Kline, M. M., ... Brunswick, G.  
 Geo. N. K. & J. K., 294 g. 655 lo. 120 l. 3,330 c.  
 G. S. Gatchell, Gen. Supt., ...  
 W. W. Halsley, Asst. to G. Supt., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 ... Buffalo, N. Y.  
 ... Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Rock Div.: J. R. Watson, Supt., Buffalo, N. Y.  
 Pitts. Div.: E. H. Witter, Supt., Oil City, Pa.

H. J. Bookhammer, M. M. ....	City, Pa.	
C. E. Turner, M. M. ....	Olean, N. Y.	
Cedar Rapids & Northern Ry.		
4-8 1/2 y. 980 m. 90 to 1,200 caps.		
C. J. Vess, Pres., and Genl. Supt. Cedar Rapids, Ia.		
Col. Williams, Tr. & G. Supt. Cedar Rapids, Ia.		
T. Stickney, Pur. & M. Supt. Cedar Rapids, Ia.		
R. W. Bushnell, M. M. & C. B. Cedar Rapids, Ia.		
F. Ington & Lamotte R. R.	4-8 1/2 y. 35 m. 64 to 64 c.	
W. H. Ington, Pres. and Supt. Burlington, Vt.		
G. F. Brownell, M. M. Burlington, Vt.		
U. S. and Mo. Riv. R. R. (in Neb.) (See C. & Q.)		
Burlington & North-West'n Ry.	3 g. 38 m. 3 to 97 c.	
Burlington & West'n R. R.	3 g. 15 m. 38 c.	
E. S. Elder, Supt.	Burlington, Ia.	
Indiana & Ohio River R. R.	4-8 1/2 y.	
R. Tanner, Pur. Adm.	Chicago, Ill.	

ornia Northern R. R. 4-8½ g. 20 m. 2 lo. 17 c.  
 Andrew J. Binney, Gen. Supt. Marysville, Cal.  
 ornia Southern R. R. 4-8½ g. 27 m. 13 lo. 301 c.  
 J. N. Victor, Supt. National City, Cal.  
 J. M. Keith, M. M. National City, Cal.  
 San Joaquin Southern R. R. (See Penna. R. R., 2.) Div.  
 of Atlantic Ry. (See Mich. Gen., 2.) Div.  
 4-8½ g. 10 m. 17 c.  
 D. C. Lindsay, Man. Ottawa, Ont.  
 4-8½ g. 10 m. 17 c.  
 Atlantic Pacific Ry. 4-8½ g. 17 m. 181 c. 2,340 c.  
 W. C. Van Horne, Gen. Man. Ottawa, Ont.  
 Francis R. F. Brown, Mech. Supt. Montreal, Can.  
 J. H. Kennedy, Asst. G. M. Montreal, Can.  
 Alex. C. Henry, Pres. Montreal, Can.  
 Div. A. Davis, Gen. Supt. Montreal, Can.  
 Div. J. M. Egan, Gen. Supt. Winnipeg, Man.

W. M. R. Dunn, *Gen. Supt.* ... 13 m. 7 to 0 c  
 Isaac W. Clark, *M. M. & C. B.* Fayetteville, N. C.  
 Girardeau, North western Ry. ... 4-8 1/2 c  
 Louis Houck, *Gen. Man.* Cape Girardeau, Mo. (2)  
 W. A. Penney, *Supt.* ... Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 Fred Glover, *Pres. Agt.* ... Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 John C. R. R. ... Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
 and Greenville Ry. ... 5-6 c, 13 m.  
 R. W. Shepherd, *Gen. Supt.* ... Montreal, Can.  
 and Colorado R. R. ... 4-8 1/2 c, 25 m. 6 c, 1 truck.  
 Angus & Fogelsville, 4-8 1/2 c, 25 m. 6 c, 1 truck.  
 W. Thomas, *Man. Supt.* P. & A. Catasauqua, Pa.  
 J. H. Hoback, *M. C. R.* ... Tokendauqua, Pa.  
 Hill Mountain R. R. ... 3 c, 10 m. 2 to 30 cars  
 W. H. Hoback, *Supt.* ... Catskill, N. Y.  
 J. A. Canastota & De Ruyter. (See *U. I. & E.*)

Central and South-Western Railroads (Ia.).  
 5 g. 1.115 m. 145 lo. 2,008 cars.

W. G. Raoul, <i>Pres.</i> .....	Savannah, Ga.
Wm. Rogers, <i>Gen. Supt.</i> .....	Savannah, Ga.
C. O. Carson, <i>Tras. Aut.</i> .....	Savannah, Ga.
Gen. Div. : D. D. Adams, <i>Chf. Eng.</i> .....	Savannah, Ga.
C. F. F. Warwick, <i>M. M.</i> .....	Savannah, Ga.
F. Devine, <i>M. C. B.</i> .....	Savannah, Ga.
So. West'n Div. : T. D. Kline, <i>Supt.</i> .....	Macon, Ga.
M. D. Jugel, <i>M. M.</i> .....	Macon, Ga.
S. Charlton, <i>Supt.</i> .....	Macon, Ga.
Central R.R. of Ga. ( <i>See Pa. &amp; R.R.</i> ) .....	Macon, Ga.
Central American & Pacific Ry. 3 g. 0.7 m. 1 lo. 11.	
W. G. Fitzsimmons, <i>Gen. Supt.</i> , Escuinta, Guat.	
Central Branch Union, ( <i>See Mo. Pac.</i> ) (3) Div.	
Central Iowa Ry. 3 g. 0.34 g. 412 m. 50 lo. 3,313 cars.	
E. L. Dudley, <i>Supt.</i> .....	

D. G. Johnston, *Asst. Supt.* ..... Marshalltown, Ia.  
D. D. Phelps, *Asst. Supt.* ..... Monmouth, Ill.  
J. H. Ackert, *Pur. Agt.* ..... Marshalltown, Ia.  
C. Johnson, *Gen. M. C. B.* ..... Marshalltown, Ia.  
Central Ontario, *Asst. Supt.* ..... 815 g. 3000  
J. B. McMullen, *Gen. Man.* ..... Picton, Ont.  
Central Pa., *Asst. Supt.* ..... 815 g. 4,303 in. 185 to 11,200 c.  
A. N. Towne, *Gen. Supt.* ..... San Francisco, Cal.  
J. A. Fillmore, *Gen. Supt.* ..... San Francisco, Cal.  
R. H. Pratt, *A. G. Supt.* ..... San Francisco, Cal.  
J. H. Johnson, *Gen. Pur. Agt.* ..... Sacramento, Cal.  
A. J. Stevens, *Gen. Supt.* ..... Sacramento, Cal.  
W. McKenzie, *Asst. G. M. M.* ..... Sacramento, Cal.  
Benj. Welch, *Gen. M. C. B.* ..... Sacramento, Cal.  
Central Tex., *Asst. G. M. B.* ..... Sacramento, Cal.  
Western: Visalia, *Tex. Div.* ..... W. Oakland, Cal.  
A. D. Wilder, *Supt.* ..... W. Oakland, Cal.

G. D. Welch, *M. (W. Div.)* . . . . . W. Oakland, Cal.  
 H. M. Brown, *M. C. B. (W. Div.)* . . . . .  
 S. Johnson, *M. M. C. (W. Div.)* . . . . . Tusa, Cal.  
 J. B. Wright, *Supnt.* . . . . . Sacramento, Cal.  
 M. C. Cooley, *M. S. (Div.)* . . . . . Rocklin, Cal.  
 Truckee Division, *H. M. H. (Supt.)* . . . . .  
 Geo. Gregg, *M. S. (W. Div.)* . . . . . Wadsworth, Nev.  
 Wm. McPherson, *F. Car. Sh.* . . . . . Wadsworth, Nev.  
 Humboldt Division, *G. W. Codding, Supt.* . . . . . Carlin, Nev.  
 J. C. Doughty, *F. Car. Sh.* . . . . . Carlin, Nev.  
 Sait Lake Division, *G. A. Fell, Supt.* . . . . . Ogden, Utah  
 James Lamb, *M. S.* . . . . . Terrace, Utah  
 St. George Division, *F. Car. Sh.* . . . . . Ogden, Utah  
 St. & Co. P. R. R. : R. L. Myrick, *Supt.* . . . . .  
 Los Angeles, and Yuma Divs. (So. Pac.) :  
 T. J. Hewitt, *Asst. Supt.* . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.  
 J. M. Blair, *Supt.* . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.  
 T. T. Glendard, *F. Car. Sh. Los Angeles* . . . . .

Arizona, Va. (So. Pac.); Los Angeles, Cal.  
J. A. Muir, Asst. Supt., Tucson, Ariz.  
M. H. Smith, Supt., Tucson, Ariz.  
Rio Grande (S. Pac.) & El Paso (G. H. &  
C. B. Seymour, Supt., El Paso, Texas  
L. B. Bonner, M. M., El Paso, Texas  
H. J. Brown, Jr., Sec. El Paso, Texas  
Central Texas & N. W. R. (See How-  
land Vermont R. R. - 8 1/4 mi. 185 to 2,789 c.  
J. C. Hobart, Gen. Mngr., St. Albans, Vt.  
J. M. Jones, Supt., St. Albans, Vt.  
W. J. Robertson, Supt. M. F., St. Albans, Vt.  
No. Div.: I. B. Futvey, Supt., St. Johns, P. Q.  
Rutland & Burlington, Supt., Rutland, Vt.  
Rutland & Whitehall, Supt., Rutland, Vt.  
N. L. Davis, M. M., Rutland, Vt.  
Burlington & Whitehall R. R., and  
Brat. Div.: E. F. Brooks, Supt., Brattleboro, Vt.  
Vermont & Canada R. R., 143 1/2 m. to 303 c.  
C. F. Spaulding, Supt. & p.

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S. S. Emmons, <i>Pur. Apt.</i>	Richmond, Va.	
T. L. Chapman, <i>Supt. Mgt.</i>	Richmond, Va.	
J. A. Dyer, <i>Asst. H. Wood</i>	Richmond, Va.	
C. F. Thomas, <i>Man. Supt.</i>	Richmond, Va.	
Hunt, Div. J. E. Barnes, <i>Supt.</i>	Hinton, W. Va.	
H. C. Bassinger, <i>Man. M.</i>	Huntington, W. Va.	
Ex. Div. J. D. Yarrington, <i>Supt. Lect.</i>	Huntington, W. Va.	
T. J. Smith, <i>Man. M.</i>	Huntington, W. Va.	
H. E. Huntington, <i>Supt.</i>	4-8 1/2 x 250 ft. 271 610 c.	
S. R. Tuggle, <i>Man. Supt.</i>	Covington, Ky.	
R. S. Starnes, <i>Gen. Supt.</i>	4-8 1/2 x 80 m. 31 to 531 cars	
H. H. Stone, <i>Pur. Apt.</i>	Keene, N. H.	
F. A. Perry, <i>Man. Supt.</i>	Keene, N. H.	
A. E. Howard, <i>M. C. B.</i>	Keene, N. H.	

Geo. Bur. & Kan. City Ry.	Rich. & (See C. B. & Q.)
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R.	.....
H. H. Brown, <i>Gen. Supt.</i>	..... Chicago, Ill.
H. B. & O. East of Mo. Ry.	.....
J. D. Brown, <i>Gen. Supt.</i>	..... Chicago, Ill.
Wm. Irving, <i>Gen. Supt. Agt.</i>	..... Chicago, Ill.
Chas. C. Supt. Eng. & M. Ry.	..... Aurora, Ill.
Wm. Forsyth, <i>Mech. Eng.</i>	..... Aurora, Ill.
Chas. C. Supt. Eng. & M. Ry.	..... Galesburg, Ill.
Divs. C. F. Rossegue, <i>Gen. Supt.</i>	.....
Chil. Div. Geo. Alexander, <i>Supt.</i>	..... Aurora, Ill.
Chas. C. Supt. Eng. & M. Ry.	..... Aurora, Ill.
Galesburg Div. F. C. Rice, <i>Supt.</i>	..... Galesburg, Ill.
Robert Colville, <i>M. M. Supt.</i>	..... Galesburg, Ill.
Chas. C. Supt. Eng. & M. Ry.	.....
A. A. Forsyth, <i>M. M. Supt.</i>	..... Beardstown, Ill.
& Mo. Divs. W. F. Merrill, <i>Supt.</i>	..... Beardstown, Ill.
East Div. O. E. Stewart, <i>Supt.</i>	..... Burlington, Ia.

West. V. ....	Max. Div. ....	Burlington, Ia.
West. N. Div. ....	J. H. Durbin, <i>Supt.</i> ....	Ottumwa, Ia.
W. C. Eckerson, <i>M. M.</i> ....	.....	Creton, Ia.
W. & K. Can. V. ....	R. L. Keo, & Co. W. N. Rys. ....	Gretna, Ia.
W. & K. Can. V. ....	.....	Keokuk, Ia.
W. H. & Co. West of Mo. Riv. ....	.....	Burlington, Ia.
W. & M. ....	F. J. Foldrege, <i>Gen. Mgr.</i> ....	Omaha, Neb.
W. & M. ....	W. M. Ward, <i>Pres.</i> ....	Omaha, Neb.
J. Hawkesworth, <i>M. M.</i> ....	.....	Plattsmouth, Neb.
W. M. ....	W. M. Ward, <i>Storker</i> ....	Plattsmouth, Neb.
W. & M. ....	T. E. Calver, <i>Pres.</i> & Neb. Ry. Divs. ....	Lincoln, Neb.
D. E. Thompson, <i>Supt.</i> ....	.....	Lincoln, Neb.
E. Biennet, <i>M. M.</i> ....	.....	Lincoln, Neb.
W. & M. ....	.....	Lincoln, Neb.
N. Div. J. McComick, <i>Supt.</i> ....	.....	McCook, Neb.
O. Fairchild & Eau Claire R. R. ....	.....	Lincoln, Neb.
4-8 1/2 g. 22 m. 4 to 28 cars	.....	.....
J. Wickersham, <i>Chm.</i> ....	.....	Fairchild, Wis.

Chicago, Iowa & Dakota Ry. 4-8½ g. 28 m.  
John Porter, Gen. Man. .... Eldora, Ia.  
Chicago, Iowa & Dakota Ry. Paul E. R. ....  
4-8½ g. 5,301 m. .... 1910 R. C.  
Roswell Miller, Gen. Man. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
Jos. F. Tucker, Asst. Gen. M. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
J. T. Clark, Gen. Supt. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
A. J. Earling, Asst. Gen. Supt. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
J. T. Crocker, Pres. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
J. M. Lowry, Gen. M. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
E. Fairbank, M. M. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
John Baile, Supt. Car. Dept. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
W. E. Kirtledge, M. C. B. .... Milwaukee, Wis.  
(1) C. A. and C. G. B. in Ill.  
G. O. Clinton Supt. .... Chicago, Ill.  
Ch. & C. B. in Ia.;

R. B. Campbell, *Supt.* ..... Marion, Wis.  
La. C. & Wis. Val. Divs.:  
    C. G. Collins, *Supt.* ..... Milwaukee, Wis.  
P. du C. & M. Pr. Divs.:  
    S. J. Collins, *Supt.* ..... Milwaukee, Wis.  
(2) C. & P. Prior, *Act. Gen. Supt.* ..... Minneapolis, Minn.  
H. & D. of C. & W. Divs.:  
    J. O. Pattle, *M. M.* ..... Minneapolis, Minn.  
    A. & Minn. Div.: E. H. Graves, *Supt.* .....  
Minn. Div.: H. R. Williams, *Supt.* ..... Lacrosse, Wis.  
River Div.: J. C. Case, *Supt.* ..... Dubuque, Ia.  
S. Charney, *M. M.* .....  
Ia. & Da. Div.: F. D. Underwood, *Supt.* ..... Ma. N. C. Y.  
S. C. Y. & W. Div.: J. W. Underwood, *Supt.* ..... Sioux City, Ia.  
    D. Boulton, *For. M.* ..... Yankton, Dak.  
    J. M. Horan, *For. M.* .....  
(3) D. A. Olin, *Act. Gen. Supt.* ..... Racine, Wis.  
    J. Taylor, *Act. Gen. Supt.* ..... Racine, Wis.  
    John Taylor, *Act. Gen. Supt.* ..... Racine, Wis.

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N. A. W. Weffels, *Gen. Inv.*, Supt. Des Moines, Ia.  
S. Henry Kummer, *M. C. B.*, Kokook, Ia.  
So. Wm. Div., G. F. Walker, *Supt.*, Trenton, Mo.  
Chas. R. Best, *M. C. B.*, Trenton, Mo.  
Chicago, Saginaw & Canada R.R. (*See*)  
Chicago, St. Louis & New Orleans R.R. (*See*)  
Chicago, St. Louis & Cincinnati R.R. (*See*)  
James McCrea, *Gen. Inv.*, Pittsburg, Pa.  
John M. Miller, *Gen. Supt.*, Columbus, O.  
Wm. Mullins, *Gen. Pur. Agt.*, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
E. W. Walcott, *Asst. Secy.*, Columbus, O.  
1, 3 & 5 Divs.; J. T. Turner, *Supt. Richmond, Ind.*  
Robert Curtis, *M. M.*, Columbus, O.  
L. L. Copeland, *Gd. Fr. Car Shops*, Columbus, O.  
Wm. Weston, *Asst. Secy.*, Indianapolis, Ind.  
W. C. Apt., *Gen. For.*

4 Divs. *Thas. Watta*, *Supl.* Logansport, Ind.  
 W. Reynolds, *Mat.* *St. Paul*, Minn.  
 W. C. Warr, *Ch.* *Shops.* Logansport, Ind.  
 J. St. Louis, *W. R.* *Ch.* *Shops.* Logansport, Ind.  
 F. E. Hinkle, *Gen. Mgr.* *Logansport*, Ind.  
 B. T. Lewis, *Pur. Agt.* *Chicago*, Ill.  
 J. N. H. *Ch.* *Shops.* *Chicago*, Ill.  
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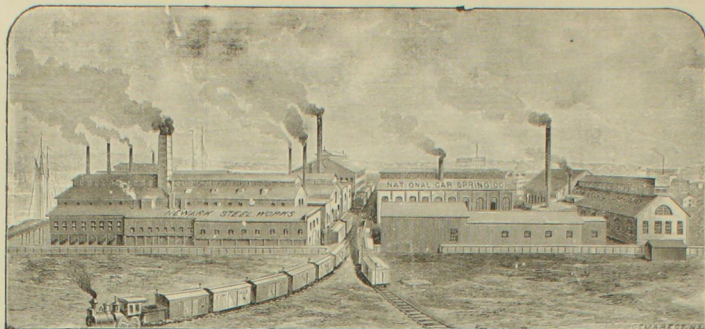


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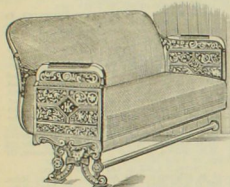
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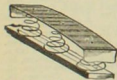
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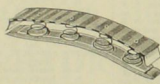
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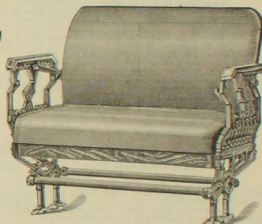
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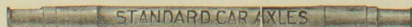
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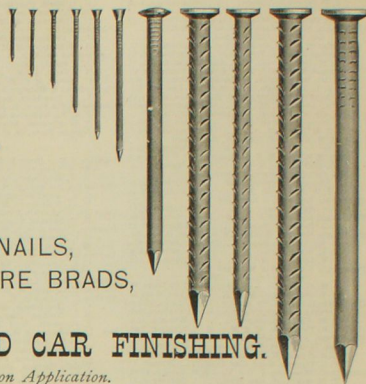
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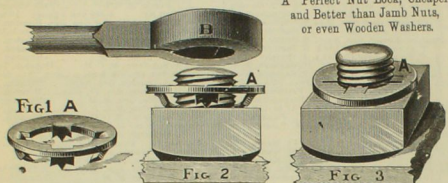


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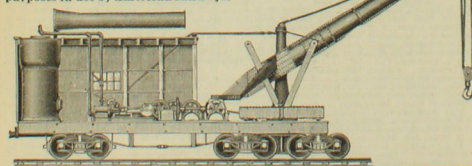
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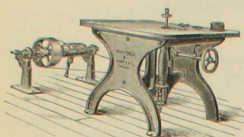




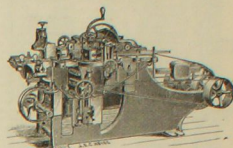
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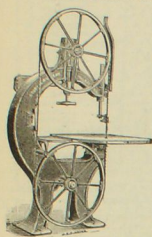
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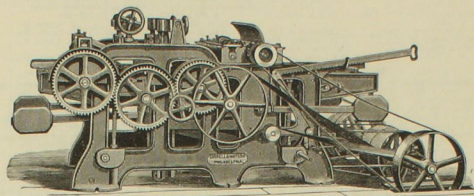
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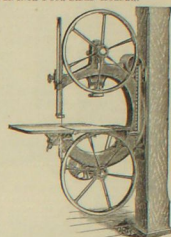
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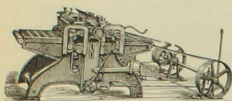
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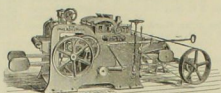
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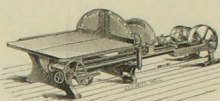
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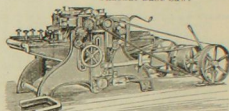
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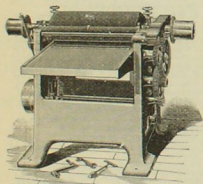
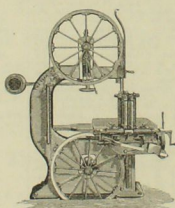
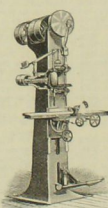
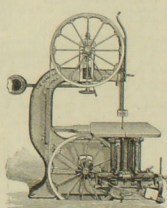
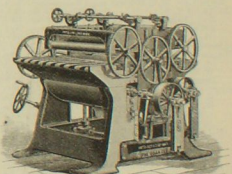
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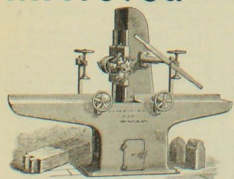
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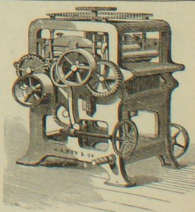
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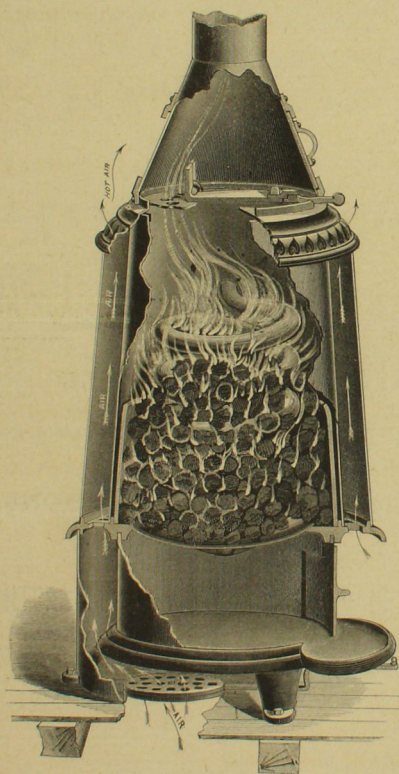
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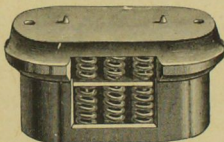
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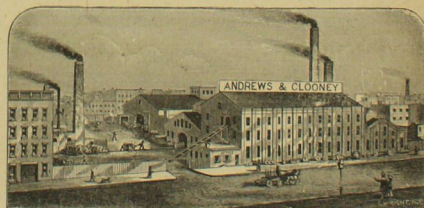
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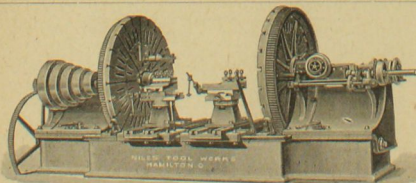
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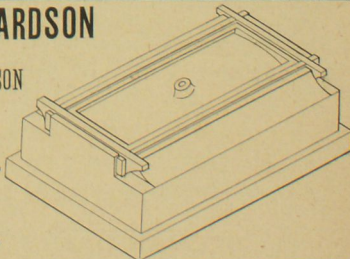
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